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Speeding concerns voiced by residents

A QUIET residential road in Welshpool is being used as a "speed track" by motorists - sparking fears someone could be seriously hurt.

People living in Gungrog Road say drivers are speeding along the street after being diverted away from Salop Road, which is closed to allow Severn Trent to lay new water pipes.

Powys County Council officials have said the closure of Salop Street will remain in place until Sunday and urged drivers using other routes to observe speed limits and drive carefully.

Resident Kat Isenbiel-Binyon said she fears someone will be run over.

She said: "I am worried that it is only a matter of time before a parent takes their eye off a young child for a split second and something happens. The council or police should try and do something down there, even if it is just for school opening and closing times."

Resident Bob Whiteoak said: "Gungrog Road has now become the Formula One route that Salop Road is usually."

"Despite a 30mph speed limit, Salop Road is like a speed track, I often see vehicles speeding at 60mph plus early in the morning."

"It needs two speed cameras, one at the bottom of Cobden Street and one near the junction to The Flash and the high school."

Police chief to open new CCTV set-up

THE Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia will visit Oswestry next week to officially open its new look CCTV system.

Bill Longmore will visit on Monday to see new cameras and a refurbished control room paid for by a grant he approved.

The 14-year-old CCTV system had been recognised as the most successful volunteer run projects of its kind in Britain.

But with advances in technology it had become out-of-date and also in danger of breaking down.

Oswestry Town Council, which funded the original system, successfully applied to the police and crime commissioner for a grant to update it.

Village's all-age school officially opened



MIKEY HALL with, from left, Chris Matthews, Anne Gribbin, Cllr Steve Davenport, Sue Lovecy and Tim Jones

ST Martins School, the first all-age school in Shropshire, has been officially opened by a former pupil and gold medal winning sportsman.

Mikey Hall, who won an individual bronze and team gold for archery in the recent Invictus Games, said it felt somewhat strange returning to his old school as the guest of honour.

But he said he was proud to be doing his bit for the school that, together with his parents, had taught him how to be a good member of society.

The 39-year old was a pupil at both Ifton Heath Primary and Rhyn Park Secondary. They closed two years ago to become St Martins all-age school.

But it was only in September that the nursery and primary children moved onto the former Rhyn Park campus and building work finished.

Mr Hall, who now lives in Yorkshire and whose parents Tony and Inge still live in the village, attended the opening ceremony on Tuesday night.

He said: "The building is unrecognisable to the one I came to as a pupil."

"I suppose that along with my parents, the school taught me right from wrong and taught me to be a good member of the community."

Among those attending the opening were head of school Sue Lovecy, chairman of governors Tim Jones, Shropshire Council officers Chris Matthews and Anne Gribbin and Councillor Steve Davenport.

Head of school Sue Lovecy said: "St Martins School is a very special place and it is my privilege and pleasure to be leading the school at this exciting stage in its history."

She said that the school was at the heart of the community and was keen to develop more community links.

Shropshire Council's deputy leader Cllr Ann Hartley said: "We should be very proud of what has been done here. This is Shropshire's first all-age school and I am sure it is one that will be copied in other parts of the county."

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Hope for improved telephone coverage

MONTGOMERYSHIRE Assembly Member Russell George says mobile phone coverage in the area will improve "significantly" over the next 12 months.

Mobile network Three will be rolling out 4G coverage in the region next year, Mr George, chairman of the National Assembly's cross party group on digital communications, said.

Mr George said the firm told him it will greatly improve service in the area and also allow people to access mobile internet better.

Mr George said he had had a "constructive" meeting with Three, adding: "I am pleased to hear that mobile coverage in Montgomeryshire is set to improve significantly over the next year as it begins to roll out its 4G service in the area."

"While Three expect to achieve a high level of coverage, I have asked for further information on which rural communities in Mid Wales will still experience patchy mobile coverage following their roll-out."

"I was encouraged to hear that EE and Three have entered into a network sharing partnership in an effort to expedite the roll-out and improve overall coverage but fear that some residents in Powys will simply not benefit from this new technology at all and that mobile coverage in deep rural areas of my constituency will remain patchy."

Man charged after fatal road collision

A MAN has been charged with causing death by careless driving following a fatal crash near Oswestry.

Andrew Watkins, 59, from Llansantffraid, died in the crash on the morning of April 2.

He died when his silver Peugeot 307 was in collision with a black Volkswagen Caddy.

The crash happened on the A495 near the village of Llanyblodwel.

Robert Jones, 25, will appear at Shrewsbury Magistrates Court on October 21 in relation to the incident.

In the crash Mr Watkins's Peugeot 307 car struck a road sign following the initial collision, ending up on its roof.

ARSON SPARKS CLOSURE CALLS

A FIRE in an Oswestry passageway which trapped a young family in their home has led to calls for the alley to be closed off to the public.

Oswestry Councillor Martin Bennett said he was horrified by the arson attack in the Clawdd Du alleyway at The Cross in the town centre.

One man was arrested over the fire but police have said he has now been discounted from their inquiries.

A large industrial bin, one of several that is sited in the alleyway, was set on fire.

A smoke alarm alerted a family living in a flat above but when they tried to escape they found the blazing bin blocking their doorway.

Firefighters had to put ladders up to the windows of the flat to rescue the frightened couple and their two young children.

The bin fire in the early hours of Thursday

By Sue Austin

morning last week was the third in the area in recent weeks and the second in Clawdd Du. Councillor Bennett said he was deeply worried about the arson attacks.

"This sort of behaviour is so dangerous - it could claim a life," he said.

"I think the time has come to investigate whether the Clawdd Du could be gated off and keys then issued to residents and those with businesses that have access to the alley."

"It is a great shame because Clawdd Du is one of the many historic shuts and passageways that gives Oswestry its heritage."

Councillor Bennett said he was also unsure whether the alleyway could be legally closed off as it had been in constant public use for centuries.

Fire station manager Adam Matthews said: "One crew rescued the family from the flat, using ladders to bring them to safety while other firefighters dealt with the bin fire."

"The couple and their young children were

unhurt and the flat was not affected by the fire.

"But the family was shaken up and we brought in the support unit that is staffed by the Red Cross to give them practical and also emotional support."

"Something like this, where a bin on fire is blocking a doorway, could have tragic consequences."

Following the first fires in July concerned firefighters launched a local anti-arson campaign.

Traders were visited by firefighters and encouraged to do all they could to ensure they keep emergency fire doors free of obstruction and keep potential arson targets, such as commercial wheelie bins, locked.

Police have issued a fresh appeal for witnesses to the bin fire.

Natasha Kaur, spokeswoman for West Mercia Police, said: "There was one arrest but the person was released without charge and no further action will be taken against them."

"We are still investigating and would ask for anyone with information about the cause of the fire to contact police."



Police sealed off the alleyway

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Whittington Castle was invaded by bands of troops at the weekend. Find out why by turning to Page 9.

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Higher speed internet link brings employment hopes

By Pam Kingsley

HIGH speed broadband has been switched on in St Martins as part of a wider project to bring faster internet links to Shropshire.

More than 20,000 homes and businesses across the county now have access to faster broadband following the switch-on of Connecting Shropshire's 100th roadside cabinet in the village. The fibre broadband cabinet, which will make the new high-speed broadband network available to nearly 300 premises, was officially switched on by North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson.

Advisor in court over bribery allegations

AN Oswestry businessman was among a group of fraudsters who sold tracts of Cambodian land dotted with unexploded land-mines to eco-conscious investors, a court heard.

The gang of four, including Stuart Stone, 29, of Knockin Road Farm, Oswestry, are accused of tricking victims into handing over £23m for 'sustainable' projects in the Asian jungle, Southwark Crown Court heard.

The alleged fraud involved investors pouring cash into growing the Cambodian Jatropa tree on the promise of annual returns of up to 25 per cent.

Jatropa trees yield an eco-friendly oil that can be converted into soap and even fuel, so investors were encouraged to believe they were part of an ethical project. But prosecutor Tim Cray said the men had sold "the financial equivalent of a very dodgy motor".

Stone, an independent financial advisor, denies two counts of bribery and the trial continues.

Mr Paterson said access to faster internet connection was essential for businesses and could lead to new jobs in the area.

He said: "This is great news for St Martins. Faster fibre broadband is essential to local businesses and I'm certain that it will be a catalyst for the creation of new jobs. It will also transform the lives of local families, whether they're using the technology for working from home, entertainment or education."

One of the places to benefit will be St Martins Broadplace, which offers IT learning opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Sue Schofield, who runs the Broadplace and is chairwoman of St Martins Parish Council, said: "I've been waiting for this news for some time and I'm really pleased that fibre broadband is now starting to become available in the village."

"This is especially good news for the local economy; attracting new businesses and enabling people to work flexibly from home."

"I'm looking forward to being able to upgrade to fibre broadband in the Broadplace."

Top author's grant for town shop



Lowri Roberts from Siop Cymru based at Oswestry indoor market shows some of the Welsh books

SHROPSHIRE'S only Welsh shop has been given £200 from a foundation set up by one of the world's top authors.

James Patterson, whose books make up one in four of all hardcover suspense/thriller novels sold across the world, set up a charity which gives out small grants to schemes encouraging people to read.

And Siop Cymru, based in the indoor market in Oswestry, has received a grant so it can take more books on visits to schools or fairs across the Shropshire border and through mid Wales.

Lowri Roberts, who runs Siop Cymru, which sells Welsh goods and a

large selection of Welsh language and bilingual books, said she was delighted.

"We are passionate about getting more people to read in Welsh whether they are adults or children. Our bilingual books are particularly popular as they help in learning Welsh."

"They can also help if a child is learning Welsh at school and parents want to read with their children but perhaps do not know the language."

James Patterson recently donated £1 million to a scheme in America which have small grants to encourage reading. Such was its success he decided to set up a similar project in

Britain, giving £250,000. Lowri said: "I understand that only two projects in Shropshire and two in Wales that have been given grants so far and that no one has had all the money they have asked for."

"We have been given £200 which we will invest in special book shelves that will fold down flat and will be easily transportable. We can then take more books out when we visit fairs and schools. I think we are doing one event in the community a week at least for the foreseeable."

"We are really grateful for this grant."

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Farm is sold for £1.9m at auction

A CLASSIC farmhouse near Oswestry has been sold for £1.9 million after going under the hammer at public auction.

The 161-acre former dairy farm includes a five bedroom farmhouse.

Pentre Kendrick Farm near Weston Rhyn also includes a range of traditional and modern farm buildings, planning consent for three homes and level farmland.

In its most recent past it had been taken out of dairy farming to become a livestock and arable enterprise.

Bidding at the auction at the Lion Quays Hotel & Spa opened at £1 million.

Auctioneer David Giles of Halls, said: "Just 11 bids later it was sold at £1.9 million to a local purchaser."

Mr Giles said inquiries had come in from across the UK before the auction, which he said proves Shropshire is still desirable among buyers nationwide.

He added: "The farm and residence are so well maintained and presented that the buyer could literally move in and start farming straight away."

Also on offer was 45 acres of arable, grassland and woodland at Berghill, Whittington, which sold for £410,000 also to a local buyer. Mr Giles said both he and the vendors were delighted with the prices.

Celebrations at book shop

AN independent bookshop will celebrate its fifth birthday on Saturday with a party.

Staff at Booka Bookshop in Church Street, Oswestry, will also mark this year's Books Are My Bag campaign on the same day.

Artist and author Matt Sewell will pop in to sign copies of his books during the celebrations.

Shortage of rural GPs will become crisis, say doctors

Report by Andrew Morris

SUCCESSIVE governments have ignored warnings over a looming crisis to replace retiring GPs and practice nurses in rural areas, a leading Montgomeryshire doctor has claimed.

Dr Martin Green, a retired GP and chairman of Montgomeryshire Medical Society, said the mounting problem of attracting doctors to areas such as Mid Wales and the Shropshire border has not been addressed for a decade.

He was one of a number of speakers at the Rural Primary Care Conference held at Gregynog Hall, near Newtown, to raise the issue.

Emergency care will be at one site

ACCIDENT and emergency care in Shropshire will be provided at just one site in the future, a health chief has confirmed.

Dr Caron Morton ruled out keeping accident and emergency units open at both the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Telford's Princess Royal. She said there was a "very strong case for change" and added: "We cannot do nothing."

The chief officer of Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group, which along with Telford & Wrekin CCG is leading the Future Fit programme to determine how health services should best be provided in future, was speaking as a feasibility report was published on the possible location of a new single emergency centre in the county.

It would look after 999 emergencies and patients with life-threatening conditions or injuries.

The study has looked at costings and timescales for siting the emergency centre at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Telford's Princess Royal or on a new site on green land at an as yet unidentified location somewhere between the two.

It says building on a new site would cost about half a billion pounds and take three years to build. Dr Morton insisted no final decision had been made.

A shortlist of three or four preferred options for the location of the new centre is expected to be released in the next four to five weeks, with consultation starting on the preferred option by the summer of next year.

Speakers expressed an urgent need to make a career as a rural GP much more attractive to medical students and trainee doctors.

One of the ways this could be achieved was by exposing them to rural practice for longer periods during their education and training, Dr Green said.

The speakers complained that too many young doctors were influenced by working in a hospital during their training and were drawn to urban areas because they had no experience of rural practice.

Dr Peter Holden, a GP from Matlock in Derbyshire and special adviser to the BMA General Practitioners Committee on premises and rural matters, warned that a "perfect storm" was brewing with a large number of rural GPs retiring at the same time in the UK.

Dr Green said: "The great success recruiting rural GPs in the 1980s has now created a problem, as many of them are coming up to retirement in the next five years."

"There are already vacancies in GP practices across Mid Wales and the borders, which are proving very difficult to fill. We must nurture our young doctors and entice them to want to enter rural practice."

Dr John Wynn Jones, sessional GP, senior lecturer in rural and global health and chair of the World Organisation of Family Doctors Working Party on Rural Practice, said: "We all knew this crisis was coming but nobody ever listens."

He said Australia and Canada had invested a huge amount of money to tackle a similar problem but it was unlikely that Wales would do the same.

Ann Whale, conference co-ordinator, said: "The conference provides a valuable forum where the recruitment of rural health professionals can be discussed. Rural GPs recognise recruitment as a growing problem which impacts more on a county like Powys where there is a primary care led health service in the absence of a district general hospital."

First image of planned store



Aldi plans to build a supermarket on Shrewsbury Road in Oswestry

THIS is the first picture of how the new Aldi planned for the edge of Oswestry would look.

The discount supermarket company plans to build on Shrewsbury Road on the site of a former football pitch at the entrance to the town.

Plans were finalised following a public consultation and Aldi has now submitted a planning application to Shropshire Council for the supermarket - its second in the town.

Naomi Kellett, acting as Aldi's agent in the planning process, said the company had drawn up the plans to enhance the approach to Oswestry town centre by designing a "modern, sympathetic and ex-

citing" site. She said: "Feedback from the consultation highlighted that traffic was a concern, so a controlled pedestrian crossing will be provided on Shrewsbury Road."

"It is also proposed to provide a new combined pedestrian and cycle access into the site from both Shrewsbury Road and Maesbury Road."

"This new store will create job opportunities for the local area, employing local contractors and labour during the construction, creating 40 jobs for local people within the Aldi store during its operation, plus additional employment for maintenance."

The application will go before Shropshire Council at a later date.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Football player now recovering

A TALENTED young footballer who was taken to hospital following an attack in Liverpool is now recovering.

Sam Finley, 22, from Welsh champions The New Saints was involved in an altercation in the city.

The midfielder, currently the Welsh Premier League Young Player of the Year, missed The New Saints derby game with Newtown at the Saints ground at The Venue, Oswestry.

He is now out of hospital and recovering, club bosses have said.

The spokesman added: "Finley has been in great form for The Saints so far this season and his four goals have helped the club to top the league after seven games."

Mr Finley, a former Everton academy youngster, joined The New Saints in 2012.

Criminals target online information

FINANCIAL information belonging to hundreds of thousands of people in Shropshire and Mid Wales are available to criminals to buy online, new data has revealed.

Personal details ranging from credit or debit card numbers to email addresses and passwords are obtained through hacking of accounts.

A survey of just seven sample postcodes from across the region including Oswestry and Welshpool revealed details of more than 32,000 people, fraud prevention experts found.

Man is arrested over allegations

A 42-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of making threats to kill and intent to supply class B drugs after police were called to Weston Rhyn on Tuesday evening.

A 33-year-old woman from Oswestry was also arrested by police on suspicion of intent to supply.

Both were in custody yesterday (Wednesday) and had not been charged.

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Marathon girl Amy has her eyes on European venture

By Andrew Morris

SHE'S run 53 marathons in 53 days – and now Amy Hughes has her sights on Europe.

The 26-year-old raised more than £40,000 for charity by running a marathon every day for 53 days across the UK.

Now Amy, from Cabin Lane, Oswestry, is planning to take on Europe for her next challenge next year.

She tweeted: "I'm thinking we should definitely take 53 to Europe." When she completed her final marathon in Manchester last month, she said she felt "stronger than ever" and would consider another challenge.

Top wrestle star coming to town hall

WRESTLING fans are in for a treat after former WWE superstar Mason Ryan announced he will be grappling at an event in Welshpool.

The 6ft 5in 21-stone grappler will perform at a Welsh Wrestling event at Welshpool Town Hall on November 14.

Ryan, who is originally from Tremadog, North Wales, was snapped up by WWE boss Vince McMahon in 2009 where he grappled with the likes of Randy Orton, John Cena and Triple H.

But now the 32-year-old has returned to the UK to compete for old friend Alan Ravenhill.

Mr Ravenhill said: "It is great that I can confirm that Mason Ryan will be performing at Welshpool Town Hall next month."

"He is one of the best wrestlers in the world and I am sure legions of fans will want to come and see him performing once again in Wales. He is a man mountain, combining pace and power and he has taken on some of the greatest wrestlers of all time."

"This is a brilliant chance to see him in the flesh alongside a plethora of top Welsh talent."

Ryan began training to be a professional wrestler in 2006, and competed around Europe for the next three years.

In 2009, he signed a contract with the WWE and he debuted in its feeder federation Florida Championship Wrestling (FCW), in January 2010.

He also starred in TV's Gladiators in 2009, where he was known as Goliath.

Chris's joy at four-stone loss



Chris Norwood has lost four stones and is now training for a marathon

LAST Christmas Chris Norwood couldn't even manage walking his children to school without getting out of breath.

But just nine months later - and four stones lighter - he has completed a 21-mile run and is planning to take on a marathon.

Chris, from Diamond Avenue, Oswestry, admitted he'd been overweight for 20 years, but when he reached the heaviest he'd ever been in January this year he decided to do something about it.

"In January I'd gone up to 15st 4lb and decided I really did want to lose weight," he said.

"I'd always had vague thoughts about looking to be a bit thinner but wasn't that bothered, but then I was of such a size that

I really wanted to lose weight. I would get out of breath on a brisk walk."

Chris, 43, joined a Slimming World group and took up running - with spectacular results.

Two weeks ago he joined record-breaking marathon runner Amy Hughes as she ran a marathon in Oswestry as part of her 53 runs in 53 days.

He is now preparing to run Manchester Marathon next spring to raise cash for the Isabelle Lottie Foundation.

Claire Morris, who runs the Slimming World group at the Whole Life Centre in Cabin Lane, Oswestry, on Mondays, said she was really proud of what Chris has achieved.

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Wednesday 12th (Boxing Day): Today we visit Truro. Visit the impressive Cathedral or do some Christmas shopping down the pretty decorated streets. Next stop is Falmouth, an historic maritime town and now home to the National Maritime Museum. We return to the Hotel to relax for your evening meal and entertainment.

Thursday 13th (New Year's Eve): Today we will be visiting The Cornish Goldsmiths, a real jewellery experience, specialising in Cornish silver and pearl. In the afternoon we make our way to St Ives, with its lovely cobbled streets and harbour. This evening we put our glad rags on ready to celebrate in style for the New Year's Eve party.

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School's sixth form centre is officially opened by MP

By Andrew Morris

OSWESTRY'S new sixth form centre has been officially opened bearing the name of a governor who has given more than 25 years of service.

The Marches School officially opened The Walpole Building which it transformed from a care home into a modern teaching facility in a £1 million refurbishment.

It is named after Arthur Walpole, who has been a governor at the school for almost three decades. The sixth form began operating at the school site in September 2013 and pupils moved into the new building at the start of this term.

Shop plan set to go to council

PLANS for a new supermarket in Welshpool town centre are to be brought before councillors.

Welshpool Town Council has confirmed it will discuss Lidl's plans to move to Mill Lane in the town at a meeting on October 22.

The discount supermarket said it will create up to 40 new jobs at the store if it is given the go-ahead.

Robert Robinson, Welshpool town clerk, said: "Lidl's planning application for a supermarket on the site next to the Smithfield Bell public house has arrived."

"The town council will be discussing the application and responding to Powys County Council, which will make the final decision."

The meeting is open to the public and will be held at 6pm in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall.

At a consultation event in the town last month, shoppers welcomed the plans, but many said they would prefer it if the company opened in an empty store in the town centre, rather than the proposed location.

Councillor Ann Holloway, town and county councillor, said: "This is most welcome because Lidl has prices more in touch with working people."

"Welshpool is two thirds a working class town and people are keen to save pennies where they can. However, I do wish that they had decided to come to the town centre and the old Co-op store in Berriew Street would be perfect."

Sarah Longville, executive headteacher, said: "Through the naming of the building we hope to give public recognition to and share our warmest regards for our dedicated and committed governing body, who never hesitate to commit their time for the good of the school."

The building was officially opened by Owen Paterson, MP for North Shropshire, and about 100 people attended, including local businesses, contractors, neighbours, members of the local community and academy staff.

Mr Walpole said: "I am very thrilled with the generosity of all involved with the school in choosing to put my name on our new building."

"It was decided upon before it was mentioned to me and I was very surprised when I was approached about it, very pleasantly surprised I must add."

"I am pleased to have played a part in the success of the school over these many years and would like to pay tribute to the support that I have had from the other members of the governing body."

"It is always tricky to single out individuals but since my name has been brought to attention, I would also wish to mention Bob Pearson who has given so much of his time and expertise as vice chair of governors, not least in ensuring the quality and value for money in the refurbishment of this building."

The event also marked the official launch of The Marches Multi-Academy Trust.

In January, the Marches School applied to become an academy sponsor, in order to enable staff to continue to support Sir John Talbot's School in Whitchurch.

Mrs Longville said: "As a trust, we have eventually made our mark within Shropshire and feel strongly that academies should enhance the educational provision of an area. By driving up standards and improving young people's life chances, we aim to play a pivotal role in further developing a strong community."



Arthur Walpole, Owen Paterson and Sarah Longville at the official opening

Milk price protest staged

ORGANISERS of a large farmers' protest at falling milk prices have described the action as a success.

About 500 people came from Shropshire, Mid Wales and beyond to blockade the headquarters of dairy processing giant Muller Wiseman to protest against slashes to the price of milk.

They prevented lorries from entering or leaving the dairy at Market Drayton on Monday night, cheering as drivers were forced to turn away.

Organisers said the action was a last resort as Muller was refusing to talk with farmers after announcing it would be cutting the price paid to farmers for milk by 1.9 pence per litre

from November to 27.1p per litre - on top of a previous reduction that took effect from Wednesday and an earlier cut in August.

Paul Rowbetton, the Farmers for Action co-ordinator, said around 500 people had turned up, which was more than he had expected.

David Handley, Farmers for Action chairman, said the protest was a "line in the sand".

But Muller has asked the campaign group to stop and think before it carries out further protests. It said the action could cause further damage to the industry, which is already under severe pressure from steep falls in the value of commodities.

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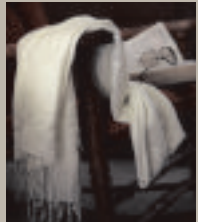
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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

It simply can't be right that a pint of milk will cost you less than a bottle of mineral water in supermarkets today and it is little wonder that our dairy farmers are protesting again.

When a pint bottle delivered to your doorstep can cost as much as 90p it is madness that supermarkets are selling two litres for just a £1.

But I can't help feeling that farmers have to shoulder some of the blame and it looks like a case of shutting the shed door after the cow has bolted on this occasion.

It's 20 years since Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government disbanded the Milk Marketing Board, the agency established in 1933 to control milk production. The board guaranteed a minimum price for milk producers and at the time giant supermarket chains were few and far between.

Most then sold their milk through a farmer owned co-operative called Milk Marque again guaranteeing a minimum price but since Milk Marque vanished in 2000 farmers have been on their own and at the mercy of the supermarket chains who are clearly willing to sell milk as a loss leader to attract footfall.

At the time many farmers clearly thought this was a positive move and offered the chance for them to negotiate their own rates. Going it alone has clearly not been the right move for farmers and now there is a real need for the dairy industry to promote their own product.

Dairy farmers have been breaking all-time records in terms of production and the prices received for their milk this year when prices were high.

Weaker demand is now affecting farm-gate milk prices and I read recently that the value of dairy commodities has reduced by more than 50 per cent in just eight months.

Milk no longer has a high profile, but needs one. Some of us will remember the famous advertising campaigns by the Milk Marketing Board. Slogans included "full of natural goodness", "is your man getting enough?", "milk's gotta lotta bottle", and "drinka pinta milka day".

Then came the famous "Accrington Stanley, Who Are They?" advert and sponsorship of the Milk Race Tour of Britain cycle race from 1958-1993 and the Football League Cup from 1981-1986, renaming it the Milk Cup.

Farmers are now taking their protests onto the street. They have been enjoying the high prices and like all of us in this world should realise that nothing is for ever. It's positive marketing that's required now and that can only be done by farmers getting together again to promote a fantastic product.



Mikey uses a wheelchair after being injured in a fall on an assault course and has taken up archery



Mikey Hall from St Martins near Oswestry enjoyed success at the recent Invictus Games in London



Invictus Games competitor Nick Beighton was guest of honour at Oswestry Community Games

Success for war vet who now has his eye on Rio

Mikey Hall from St Martins is aiming for glory at the Paralympics in Rio. LUCY TODMAN reports

HE thought his career as a sharp shooter was over the day he broke his neck and back on an army assault course.

But Mikey Hall had never been a quitter and instead he turned his hand to shooting of a different kind - as an archer.

And now he has his sights set on competing in the Paralympics in Rio.

After his success at the recent Invictus Games, where the former Dragoon Guardsman won bronze in the individual event and gold in the team event, it seems the sky is the limit.

"I am really pleased with my performance at the Invictus Games," said Mikey, who grew up in St Martins near Oswestry but who now lives in Yorkshire.

Aim

"I did fluff a few shots but then I helped to bring it back for the team and we won, which was fantastic.

"Being on the team for the games was very similar to being in my troop in the army, we had to work together and rely on each other for a common aim."

Mikey, who saw service in Bosnia, Kosovo and Northern Ireland uses a wheelchair after being injured in a fall on an assault course near Catterick Garrison 14 years ago.

He was devastated that his army career, which he had dreamed of since he was a small boy in the cadets, was over.

He said: "I found it very hard to leave the army behind after my accident.

"I knew I had to leave but it hurt me big time.

"I was in the reconnaissance troop in



War veteran Mikey Hall has his sights set on a place at Rio

the Dragoon Guards and I had always wanted to be in the army.

"I started off in the cubs, then moved on to the cadets and TA and then joined the army. It was a natural progression."

Growing up in the Shropshire countryside, the former Lance Corporal spent his childhood shooting and poaching with his father.

"I was a real outdoors boy," he said.

"That was what appealed to me about the army and I guess the shooting helped with my archery.

"But I had never done it until a friend of mine mentioned it after the accident and said I should give it a go.

"I caught the bug I guess and realised I had a natural ability."

He was chosen to take part in the Invictus Games after travelling to Sochi for the Paralympics.

Mikey said: "The coaches and teach-

ers were watching when I did some training and on the last day they went away for a chat and came back and told me that I had been selected.

"It was wonderful.

"In the army troop you work as part of a team and that was exactly the same in the Invictus team."

In the next couple of months, Mikey will travel to Lilleshall for try-outs for Team GB, which will then travel to the Paralympics in Rio.

"That is my goal in life right now," the 39-year-old said.

"I am putting all my energies into that. I really want to take part in the Paralympics so that is what I am concentrating on."

Mikey was not the only Shropshire based athlete who took part in the Invictus Games.

Nick Beighton, 32, from Asterley,

near Shrewsbury, won three gold medals at the inaugural Invictus Games in London.

Nick, who lost both of his legs in Afghanistan in 2009, won gold in the endurance four minute indoor rowing race and the sprint one minute indoor rowing.

He was also awarded gold as part of the UK team which came top overall in the indoor rowing section.

The ex-army officer also competed in the 2012 London Paralympics, where he narrowly missed out on a bronze medal in the double sculls.

He said: "There was a real buzz out there, everyone lifted their game but you try and tune it out a little bit because you're trying to focus on what you're doing."

Focus

"It's given everyone the opportunity to compete, not just the Paralympians among us, but right down to the people who have recently been injured - it's great to have a focus to get out there and do something."

Nick was guest of honour at the recent Oswestry Community Games, held in Cae Glas Park.

The Invictus Games featured more than 400 competitors - both serving military personnel and veterans - across nine disciplines, with teams travelling from the USA, Afghanistan, New Zealand and across Europe to take part in the Paralympics-style championships.

Prince Harry, who has performed two tours of duty in Afghanistan, was inspired by the Warrior Games in the US in coming up with the idea of the Invictus Games. Ricky Fergusson, who lives in the Telford area, also represented Shropshire in the games.

Corporal Fergusson, 29, of the 4th Battalion The Rifles, who was injured in an IED blast in Afghanistan, losing both legs, five fingers and his left eye, competed in the 100m men ambulant T20 final.

WORKING FOR YOU



Glyn Davies MP

On Monday MPs return to Westminster following a three-week break to accommodate party conferences.

I was particularly disappointed with the tone of the Liberal Democrat conference, held this week. It was a full-on sustained vitriolic attack on their Conservative Coalition partners.

I was quite shocked to hear a former Lib Dem leader repeat endlessly how he "hated the Tories". In politics we expect disagreement and robust debate but there's no need for this sort of language.

Since 2010, the two parties have been Coalition partners, making compromises on policy in the overall interests of the economy.

We came together to create the stability needed to begin the process of restoring the UK's public finances.

As a newly elected Conservative MP in 2010, I signed up to a five-year deal with the Lib Dems.

To me, 'a deal is a deal'. Both of our parties have paid a 'popularity' price for the compromises we had to make for the coalition to work. And it has worked.

Unsurprisingly, I have sometimes found coalition frustrating and disappointing, but it's been a success. So what on earth is the sense in the two partners kicking lumps out of each other?

There is much disagreement between us about one Bill that MPs are debating on our first week back - the promise made by David Cameron that the people of Britain will be given a vote in November 2017 in a referendum on whether the UK should remain part of the European Union.

The Conservative view is that the people should be given the chance to vote on this question. Next week's debate is about whether the commitment to this In/Out referendum should be enshrined in law.

I also sense that Parliament will very soon be debating the military intervention against the brutal ISIL terrorists in Iraq and Syria again. There is much serious work for MPs to do over the next six months. We should focus on the challenges that face our country and avoid the childish name-calling.

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WHAT FINANCIAL PROTECTION DO I HAVE IF MY PARTNER DIES WITHOUT MAKING A WILL?

Q: I moved in with my partner when he bought a house six years ago. We both have children from previous relationships and my daughter lives with us. My father keeps on at me about us making Wills, otherwise he reckons he reckons my daughter and I could lose our home if anything happened to my partner. Surely if we are common law partners this couldn't happen? It just seems a bit extreme to be making Wills in our thirties.

A: Unfortunately, unless you are married or in a civil partnership the law says you would be entitled to absolutely nothing from your partner's estate if he were to die intestate, i.e. without making a Will.

Intestacy law did change on October 1st this year, but it did not improve the situation for the surviving partner of a non-legally binding relationship where the deceased partner has passed away intestate.

In the case of an unmarried couple who do not have children, the law treats both partners as single people and orders that the deceased's entire estate should go to their blood relatives if they have not made a Will. First in line are the parents of the deceased, then their siblings and then their nieces and nephews.

If the unmarried couple do have children, the same rules apply but the children will be the first blood relatives in line. This can be particularly problematic if both partners have children from a previous relationship, because the children of the deceased would inherit the deceased's entire estate and the surviving partner and their offspring would get nothing.

There really is no financial protection for surviving partners who are not married or in a civil partnership, unless the deceased partner has made a Will. I would therefore urge you and your partner to make Wills as a matter of urgency..

Further information relating to this question is available from Victoria Wilson, a Senior Solicitor with GHP Legal.

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Plan will restrict farming land use

RE the proposed 78-acre solar PV development in Gobowen

This proposal to site 60,000 solar panels on agricultural land at Ebnalwas first discussed at an information meeting that the company decided to hold on July 16 in St Martins – a village which is not affected in any way by the development.

This proposal, if agreed, will take 78 acres of agricultural land out of useful production for 25 years and can only be used for the grazing of sheep. The fields will be fenced by two-metre high, close meshed black steel and monitored by CCTV cameras mounted on tall posts.

We moved to the rural hamlet of Rhos-y-gadfa to live in a pleasant countryside area.

With the proposed development of a 78-acre solar panel site we will have to travel on lanes bordered by hundreds of metres of two metre high close meshed steel fences and CCTV cameras to get to and from our home and Gobowen. We are in favour of solar power generation but they should be sited on brown field sites, roof tops (particularly in industrial estates) and on land that cannot be used for anything else (such as old landfill sites).

It does not make any sense to restrict 78 acres of good productive farmland to the use of sheep for the next 25 years.

BRIAN CASE
Gobowen

Share out the wealth

ED Miliband is proposing raising the minimum wage to £8 an hour, but surely not at the cost of reducing child benefit or if it results in job losses. Small firms might not be able to afford it. But it's time the huge gap between the rich and the poor was tackled.

People don't become millionaires without the workers. There should be ways of sharing the rewards of labour.

Perhaps workers should be represented on the boards of firms.

RON JONES
Oswestry

We must re-unite the Kingdom

THE Scottish vote was no.

And now we English must demand that our politicians drop the foolish idea of rewarding Scotland with more money and powers and demand that they concentrate on uniting the dis-united Kingdom.

De-stabilising Britain has been the policy of the EU for many years to prepare for regionalisation.

Now our unpatriotic politicians, including Alex Salmond, have played their part toward that aim.

First was the Barnett Formula, the amount the government pays per

head to England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

The Barnett Formula is said to have no legal standing or democratic justification.

And according to the man who devised it in the late 1970s, Joel Barnett, chief secretary to the treasury, it was intended only as a short-term measure.

The Barnett Formula was highly unfair to England.

If a UK-wide per capita average was 100 per cent, England would receive 97 per cent, Scotland would receive

117 per cent, Wales would get 110 per cent and Northern Ireland would receive 127 per cent.

This would equate to £7,121, £8,623, £8,139 and £9,385 in the order above according to figures.

In short we are subsidising England, Wales and Northern Ireland here.

And we are subsidising at least 20 of the 28 members of the European Union the continent and we are sick of it.

BOB WYDELL
Llwyn Fields
Oswestry

Nuclear weapons must be scrapped

IN May 2010, the review conference of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), to which 189 states are parties, agreed by consensus to achieve the "peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons".

Despite this decision even after four years, there are still more than 16,000 nuclear warheads worldwide deployed or stockpiled, and an enormous amount of states' budgets are spent on maintaining or modernising these weapons.

I am concerned that the UK Government has still not decided to abolish its nuclear weapons and instead states that it wishes to renew Trident to ensure that Britain's nuclear weapons would remain effective into the 2060s.

Britain does not seem to have caught up. The Cold War era is over and the overwhelming majority of the UN member states are calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons. There is growing recognition in the international political arena of the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons and a will to create a global consensus for the elimination of them.

Britain should play its part and attend the coming conference in Vienna in December and work constructively to support a convention to eliminate all nuclear weapons.

ANGIE ZELTER
Knighton

Plan rule is a mockery

IT makes a mockery of planning laws that SP Manweb is going ahead with overhead power lines between Wrexham and Oswestry.

The lines will be cutting through hitherto unspoiled countryside.

A private individual seeking to desecrate the land in such a way would be laughed out of court.

That a company the size and power (sorry, no pun intended) of SP Manweb with its huge financial resources is being allowed to save the cost of going underground in this way absolutely beggars belief.

SAM EVANS
Oswestry

Double vision twice for class teachers



Seeing double twice... two sets of twins who were going to Oswestry County Infants' School back in October 1976. From left, the Hobbs twins, six-year-old Sally and Suzanne, who lived at Park Drive, and the Jones twins, five-year-olds Darren and Jamie, who lived at Fir Grove.

We need fair deal for English

ALTHOUGH Scotland is to remain part of the UK, the referendum made it clear that nearly half the population wants to sever ties from our union.

Ukip wants a revision of the Barnett Formula by which Scottish people get £1,600 more of taxpayers money per head than their English counterparts.

Will Messrs Cameron and Miliband now tell us up front: Are they going to keep their ill-advised and panicked promise made before the Scottish referendum and continue to bleed the English taxpayers dry?

For once, the Government must give the English people a fair deal.

JILL SEYMOUR
UKIP West Midlands
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Ban the use of wild animals by circuses

I would like to comment on your recent coverage on the visit of the Peter Jolly circus.

This particular touring circus is one of the few still to use wild animals. The majority of people when polled do not agree with the use/abuse of animal acts and this is reflected within Parliament with a majority of members of the Commons in favour of a ban. Well, now they and the voters have another chance to bring this to an end on October 17.

This month there is a rescheduled second reading of a Bill which might just result in a ban. I hope that all Shropshire MPs will support this procedure.

JOHN MORRIS
Shrewsbury

Search for members of the RA

I AM a member of the old 215 Battery of 51 Medium Regiment RA and would be interested to know if there are any surviving 1939 members of 240 Battery which was the other half of 51 Medium.

Members came from the Shrewsbury and Market Drayton area.

The regiment was part of the 51 Highland Division which fought in the Maginot Line before being cut off from the BEF.

I am one of the only two remaining members of the old 215 and would be glad to hear from any old 240 members by phone on (01785) 812432 or to my home address 10 Granville Terrace, Stone, Staffs ST15 8DF.

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New recycling lorries will support revamp of service

NEW recycling lorries have been brought in as part of changes which could see some Welshpool residents' collection days change.

Powys County Council is introducing the new lorries to make sure all recycling can be picked up in one go. But because of the changes, the council is warning residents some collection days will change.

By Andrew Morris

Until recently, recycling across Powys was collected from the kerbside in black bags. But under the new system people have been given new bins and boxes, and the new lorries will ensure all items are collected at once instead of over separate journeys.

Councillor Barry Thomas, council leader and cabinet member for waste management, said the new lorries would be introduced in Welshpool before being rolled out across the county.

He said: "Residents in the Welshpool area are the next to have their recycling collected by the new kerbside recycling vehicles. The new vehicles will be in operation from the week beginning October 13.

"These new kerbside recycling vehicles will allow household recycling collections to be made in one vehicle rather than two separate ones that have been used previously.

"They will also enable the roll-out of the new kerbside recycling collection scheme

to the whole of the county, switching remaining households from recycling bags to boxes.

"As well as new vehicles being introduced, a review of routes is also being undertaken and some residents may find that their recycling and rubbish collection day is changing.

"These changes are being made to enable a more efficient service to be provided and affected households will be notified in advance of any changes."

"We would like to encourage every resident to make every effort to recycle as much of their waste wherever possible.

"We would also like to remind residents that due to these changes their collection times vary, so please ensure that any recycling and rubbish is put out by 7.30am on the day of collection. The crews will not be able to return for any waste that has been put out late."

Creative talents shine at festival



Poppy King and Victoria Powell took part

DISNEY princesses, pirates and superheroes all featured in a fancy dress craft workshop to mark the end of the Oswestry Makes festival.

The week-long festival reached its conclusion with the superhero-themed day.

Events took place around the town, with craft sessions and shadow puppetry at Oswestry Library, and a screening of The Amazing Spider-Man at Kinokulture cinema.

Youngsters were invited to arrive



Children make masks in one of the workshops

in fancy dress to take part in a comic drawing workshop and comic swaps before their costumes were judged in a parade and library staff led a superhero storytime session.

Throughout the week the town hosted a full programme of events for all ages to develop their 'making' skills.

It was the second time the event, organised by The Best of Oswestry, Oswestry Library, Gemmipop Designs and Alterknitve, had been held, and

organisers said they were delighted by the number of people who attended.

John Waine, from The Best of Oswestry, said: "The theme of this second festival was Theatre of Dreams - puppets, costume and mask. Participants at the different sessions learned how to make all manner of puppets, from fingerbobs to shadow puppets, how to fashion costume finery for theatre or just because they love wearing unique clothes; and tried the deeply wonderful art of making masks."

Opinions required over fire service

PUBLIC consultation has been launched into plans for the future of the fire service which serves Welshpool.

Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said it wants to hear the public's views on how it will manage its budget over the coming years.

Councillor Gillian Thomas, chairman of the fire authority, said: "The past five years have seen unprecedented financial challenges and we know that the current financial climate will continue to impact on budgets over the next five years.

"We need to explore new ways of working and delivering services, while ensuring we keep the safety and well-being of our communities at the heart of everything we do.

"We want to provide value for money, spending the tax payers' pound wisely and where it will make the most difference.

"To help us do this, we would like to hear what you think through our consultation process."

Chief fire officer Chris Davies said: "I know that listening to the views of the public is crucial if we are to continue to deliver an effective, efficient and improved service to keep our communities safe."

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority will be consulting on its plans until November 28.

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Various re-enactment groups took part in a Napoleonic event at Whittington Castle including members of the 23 Foot Royal Welsh Guard

Castle gets invaded

NAPOLEONIC soldiers invaded Whittington at the weekend as they staged a battle at one of the area's tourist attractions.

Whittington Castle hosted a living history weekend with re-enactors recreating the sights and sounds of a 19th century battlefield.

Up to 50 re-enactors set up camp around the historic castle near Oswestry on Saturday and Sunday, bringing a cannon with them for the first time.

Castle manager Sue Ellis said: "Next year will

By Pam Kingsley

see the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, and many Napoleonic re-enactment and living history groups are getting ready for this big event.

"This was the reason Whittington Castle was invaded by Napoleonic soldiers who brought history to life for our visitors this weekend."

The castle manager said visitors to the castle enjoyed seeing what life was like in those historic times.

Miss Ellis said: "Soldiers from Britain and

France set up encampments to show visitors what life would have been like for campaigning troops.

"There were skirmishes between the two armies, live fire, drill displays and for the first time the castle had working artillery cannons firing at set times."

The Allied troops were represented by the 5/60th Royal American Rifles, the Anglesey Hussars - who provided the cannons and crew, and the 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

On the French side were members of the 85eme, 69eme de Ligne and the Bataillon Compagnie de Voltigeurs.



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NEWS IN BRIEF**Ladies football up and running**

AN extended ladies football session has returned to a club near Welshpool after the summer break.

Berriew FC offers sessions for both ladies and girls at the Recreation Ground, Berriew on Thursdays, led by an FAW qualified coach.

Paul Inns, club spokesman and head coach of the junior section of the club, said: "As a club we are very keen to provide football to all members of the community."

"Last season we introduced just for girls football training sessions which has resulted in us being able to field teams at U10, U12 and U14 in the Powys Girls League."

For more information, call Mr Inns on 07801 240007.

Golf fundraiser boosts charity

A GOLF fundraiser raised £500 for a charity.

The Welshpool branch of NFU Cymru held the event at the Lakeside Golf Club, Garthmyl, raising money for the Heulwen Trust.

The trust is a local charity which aims to bring enjoyment and pleasure to disabled children, adults and the elderly through its canal boat trips.

The Heulwen Trust operates two canal boats from a wharf on the Montgomery Canal just outside Welshpool. The boats are skippered by the trust's volunteers.

Superfast broadband link to town welcomed by AM

By Andrew Morris

THE roll-out of superfast broadband in Welshpool has been welcomed by the region's Assembly Member.

Russell George said the announcement by Superfast Cymru that Welshpool would be the next town to receive the service is great news.

He said: "This is very welcome news and is an important development for the town. For too long, Mid Wales has suffered from painfully slow broadband speeds and patchy mobile coverage. I am pleased that this is now beginning to change, allowing local businesses and residents to access a range of new online services."

A good read aids learning

MOST babies and toddlers across Powys received free books as part of an initiative to promote reading.

Booktrust Cymru, a charity that supports and promotes reading through its Bookstart programme, gave free book bags gifted to 98 per cent of babies and 100 per cent of toddlers across Powys last year.

Councillor Graham Brown, Powys County Council's cabinet member for libraries, said: "It's good to know that the message, which underpins the importance of reading to every new-born child in Powys, is getting through effectively."

"The magic of sharing books and stories creates a powerful bond between parent and child, with positive results. Research has shown that children who enjoy stories and rhymes in their early years go on to achieve well in school."

"We must now do all we can to communicate the benefits of this latest technology and encourage widespread take-up."

"Both Glyn Davies MP and I intend to have further meetings to ensure that more rural areas of Powys also receive superfast broadband at the earliest opportunity."

"However, we are aware that four per cent of the most rural premises in Wales will not be covered by the Superfast Cymru scheme."

"Fortunately, there are a number of locally based providers in Powys who are able to provide alternative solutions to ensure that the people of rural Montgomeryshire are not disadvantaged."

Welshpool has been upgraded to fast fibre broadband following work by the Superfast Cymru programme, which it says will reduce people's need to travel, will create jobs and boost local firms.

The Superfast Cymru programme is the most ambitious in the UK with the aim of reaching 96 per cent of properties in Wales by the end of spring 2016 delivering fast fibre to more people more quickly.

Dog hotel open for business



Elaine Day has opened a new dog hotel in Leighton

A DOG lover has set up a hotel where mutts can live a life of luxury while their owners are away on holiday.

Elaine Day decided to open the Celticmoon home boarding dog hotel at her home in Leighton, near Welshpool, having spent her life involved with the pets.

She says the hotel is the perfect location for pets to come and enjoy themselves while their owners are away.

Ms Day said she works by having the dogs in a home from home setting rather than in kennels and also runs a day care service for dogs.

She said: "I have been involved with dogs for more than 40 years and have shown deerhounds and whippets at championship level. I am also a qualified pet dog trainer and breed adviser."

"We have a real understanding of dogs and ensure that they are happy and contented while with us."

"We can undertake basic training and socialisation."

EX-BNP leader is expelled by party

NICK Griffin, the Welshpool-based former leader of the British National Party, has been expelled from the organisation.

Party bosses have accused Mr Griffin, who lives at Llanerfyl, of allegedly "trying to cause disunity" in a bid to de-stabilise the organisation.

A conduct committee, established by new BNP chairman Adam Walker, informed the ex-MEP in a letter.

Mr Griffin has also been accused of harassing members of BNP staff, allegedly making physical threats in at least one case, and of bringing the party into disrepute through public statements.

The letter sent to Mr Griffin stated: "We believe that, since being given the title of honorary president, you have put all your efforts into trying to cause disunity by deliberately fabricating a state of crisis."

"The aim of this was to again embroil the BNP in factionalism designed to destabilise our party."

According to the committee, this included preparing a report which lied about key party personnel and finances and approving the leak of the allegations on the internet.

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Parking for bikes appeal by councillor

CALLS have been made for more secure parking for cyclists in Oswestry.

Members of Oswestry Town Council have agreed to look into the cost of providing more cycle racks around the town.

Councillor Paul Milner said: "The cycle racks we have at the moment I don't think are in the right position. They're not secure and they're not under CCTV, and bikes are expensive."

"We're trying to get a cycling route around Oswestry and I think when they come into town they should be able to put their bikes in a secure position."

"Maybe we could look at the areas where the town council can put them and go from there."

"It's just going to be the cost of the rack we need to know and then we can look at different areas to put them at another meeting."

Councillor Sandy Best asked for the main shopping area to be considered, as that is where most out-of-town cyclists head for.

She said: "Often there are people who come into town on a Sunday and stop somewhere like Costa on Cross Street for a rest, and put their bikes in that area because they don't know the town and don't know where else to put them."

Another area suggested was the new Smithfield development.

Work is started on special needs centre at school site

WORK has begun on a new special needs centre at Lakelands Academy in Ellesmere which will cost about £1 million and be the first of its kind in Shropshire.

The Special Educational Needs (SEN) hub will be able to accommodate up to 24 children who have Autistic Spectrum Disorder. The new building, which will be called The Kettle-mere Centre, will feature four teaching areas and multimedia, therapy and meeting rooms.

A special ceremony has been held to cut the first turf for the new building, which will provide a special educational needs centre for secondary-age pupils.

Shropshire Council says the county currently has very limited specialist teaching provision to support pupils with communications and interaction difficulties, and it is an area of special needs with significantly increasing numbers.

At present, these children often have to be placed out of county or travel considerable distances to access suitable provision.

The council says the operating costs will be funded in the long-term through the reduction in expensive out-of-county placements.

Karen Bradshaw, director of children's services said: "This new centre will offer a number of benefits. It will

By James Pugh

improve localised provision for children within the communities in which they live, helping to meet their needs while reducing the significant cost to the council of placing pupils in costly out-of-county provision.

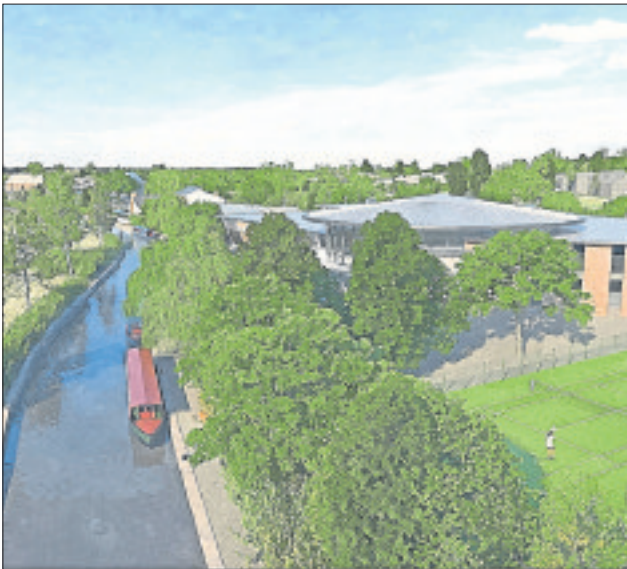
"This means that children can go to schools close to their friends and family."

"The Lakelands Academy has an excellent record of supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs."

"Careful consideration has been given as to how the centre will become part of the school, offering mainstream access where appropriate, rather than being a separate facility placed on the school site."

Ian Sanders, headteacher at Lakelands Academy, added: "Although the new facility will be physically attached to the rest of the site, it will be completely self-contained, including the staffing arrangements."

Glimpse of huge leisure complex plan



A marina, hotel and holiday cabins are included in the ambitious plans

THIS is the latest glimpse of a major scheme which could see a new leisure complex and 250 homes created in Ellesmere.

Plans are currently out for public consultation on the proposal, which could see a marina, hotel, restaurant and holiday cabins be built on land south of Canal Way.

An outline planning application has been submitted to Shropshire Council for the scheme, which is expected to create more than 100 jobs.

The plans have already been welcomed by many in the town, who believe it will boost business in the town.

Ann Hartley, Shropshire Councillor for Ellesmere, has described it as the "best thing" that has ever happened to Ellesmere.

The scheme first became public more than 18 months ago, but only recently have detailed plans, including images of what it could look like, been revealed. Of the 250 homes proposed, 25 of these will be affordable and planners say there will be a lot of green and open spaces.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Extension joy for rail line's group

AN extension to Llangollen's Heritage Railway to Corwen will open in the next few weeks.

Years of work will culminate in trains being run into Corwen on October 22 for the opening day and then from October 27 for a short while.

But the permanent opening will be on St David's Day next year, organisers said.

Kevin Gooding, general manager of the heritage railway, said the track inspection had been successfully completed to give the green light to the opening of the extension.

George Jones of Llangollen Railway, said: "We have made tremendous progress this summer and trains will operate to Corwen in the tail end of the 2014 season."

Movie treats at cinema in town

MOVIE lovers are being invited to experience a variety of films at Oswestry's cinema over the coming weeks.

Kinokulture, based in Arthur Street, has a full programme of screenings for October, including half-term showings of the hit movie The Box Trolls and two screenings from its Best of British and World Cinema programme.

Ian Garland, from Kinokulture, said: "We would like to thank all of our volunteers who are fantastic to work with and everyone who has visited us to watch films in our new premises."



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- Penne pasta with spinach, olive and chilli tomato sauce and grilled parmesan (V)

Desserts

- Navigation Inn Christmas pudding with brandy sauce
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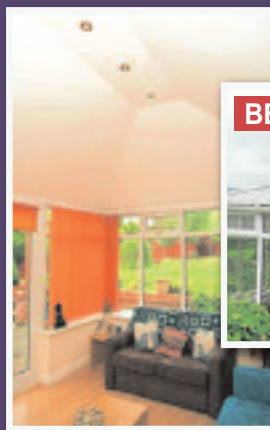
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12 Family's war link leads to sessions

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Simon Fletcher is leading a course on war poetry

WAR poetry written by a family member has inspired an Oswestry author, poet and storyteller to lead a course in the subject.

Poems from different eras are being put under the microscope in the part-time course.

The course is for anyone who enjoys reading poetry and is being led by Simon Fletcher, from Oswestry.

He said his grandfathers were affected by the war in different ways. One was injured while fighting on the Western Front. The other worked as a journalist and wrote poems, a couple of which are dedicated to friends who died in battle.

For course information visit the Walford and North Shropshire College website at www.wnsc.ac.uk/part-time-courses

Overwhelming response to town's restaurant venture

A NEW restaurant that will open in Oswestry this autumn has had about 200 enquiries for reservations, jobs and event weddings, even before it has opened.

Those behind the Townhouse in Willow Street say that the response to the new venture, which will create 60 jobs, has been overwhelming.

Two Michelin Star chef, Michael Caines is to consult for the new restaurant.

The opening date for the Townhouse, formerly Bar 35, has not yet been announced but spokeswoman Carly Woodward said interviewing is underway for its full and part time staff.

"Since the announcement of our opening we have had mainly enquiries for Christmas parties but also many for reservations for the opening night in the restaurant, meetings, job opportunities and wedding enquiries for 2015.

"These people have been placed onto a request database and will have priority for their preferred date.

"We have had lots of people sending over CVs for part time and full time opportunities and we began interviewing last week for positions. It is not too late for people to send in their CVs to ollie@townhouse-oswestry.com."

"We will be releasing more details very shortly regarding our official opening

By Sue Austin

date and menus." Michael Caines and his team will be supporting and advising the new Oswestry bar and restaurant in the lead up to the opening and beyond.

He is one of Britain's most acclaimed chefs, was AA Chef of the Year in 2007, and awarded an MBE in 2006 for services to the hospitality industry. Mr Caines is the executive chef at Gidleigh Park, which was voted the number one restaurant by Sunday Times Food List in 2013.

Mrs Woodward said: "His primary interest will remain at Gidleigh Park and The Townhouse will be added to his growing portfolio of consultancy interests which also include restaurants in Manchester, Chester and Exeter."

The Townhouse has undergone a two-year refurbishment and will open as a bar, restaurant, garden, function/wedding space and private dining room.

Climber Grant takes the race honours



Grant Gallier gets set to climb the pole

IT was a race like no other - one athlete running 100 metres on a track, the other climbing a vertical pole, 25 metres high.

Grant Gallier, Oswestry's world record holder for pole climbing, lined up against the Commonwealth silver and European bronze medallist Harry Aikines-Aryeete.

Thousands had turned out to see the one-off race, Track v Tree, at the Husqvarna World Pole Climbing Championships, in Alcester, Warwick-

shire. And the result could not have been tighter.

Harry managed a world-class 10.15 seconds - but it was not a match for Grant who was the ultimate victor by sprinting up the pole in just 9.90 seconds.

Grant, 27, who attended The Marches School in Oswestry, said he was happy with his time.

But it was some way off his current pole climbing record, which currently stands at 9.077 seconds.



Grant Gallier, Iwan Thomas and Harry Aikines-Aryeete

A groundsman for the Knolton Farm Cheese company, Grant, who now lives in Shrewsbury, has been pole climbing since 2008.

He began his career as a tree surgeon before beginning pole climbing competitively when he realised he had a knack for clambering up tree trunks.

Former 400m Olympic medalist, Iwan Thomas, commented at the event for the live audience and even challenged his own vertigo, climbing the 25-metre pole.

Switch of lights is agreed by authority

OSWESTRY Town Council is to begin switching its street lights to environmentally-friendly LED bulbs to save both money and energy in the long term - although it will have to spend £32,000 first.

The council has voted to change 100 of its 500 lampposts to LED lights.

It will involve streets in the Beech Grove, Middleton Road and College Road areas.

Glennys Davies, town council facilities manager, said the cost of the work would be £32,000.

"There is a cost in the short term but in the long term this will save both energy and also money," she said.

The switch over work will be carried out by Highline Electrical.

Oswestry is already a part-night lit town, with most areas in darkness between midnight and 5am.

More than 800 people have signed a petition calling on the council to 'Relight Oswestry Past Midnight'.

The petition says: "Whilst saving energy and money is important, we feel endangering the lives of the public is not worth the price."

"Most weekends, many of the pubs and clubs close up after this point, which means there are a variety of intoxicated and sober pedestrians on their route home or elsewhere in what is now a pitch dark endeavour."

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William Waring from Welshpool was awarded the Victoria Cross for his exploits during the First World War

Dozens of workers to lose jobs after savings are set out for youth services

MORE than 100 youth workers have been told they will be made redundant next spring.

Shropshire Council is aiming to save about £140,000 – equivalent to a 15 per cent budget cut – and about one-third of the county's youth workers will take redundancy from April 1 next year.

From April the council will no longer directly deliver youth services, but instead commission them from other providers.

The council has said no formal consultation has started yet with staff and they hope jobs will be available to them from other providers.

Gwylm Butler, cabinet member for culture and leisure at Shropshire Council, said: "This new approach will also ensure greater involvement of local young people and their communities in shaping the local offer."

"Local joint committees (LJCs) will be responsible for commissioning youth services in their area – and the council is currently out to tender for a youth activities partner to provide support for LJCs and the organisations providing youth activities from this date."

"At a staff briefing, our youth workers were given an update about this work and were informed that the implementation of the new youth activities commissioning model will result in their contract of employment with Shropshire Council coming to an end."

"April or May 2015 was given as an indicative timescale for this, but staff were also told that this was subject to review. I must stress that no formal consultation has started yet with staff, and our hope is that many of them will find employment opportunities with the organisations that will be commissioned at a local level."

Play area is set for refurbishment

A GROUP of mothers in Chirk is celebrating after plans for more equipment at a local playground were unveiled.

Chirk Town Council has won a £70,000 grant from Wren, the Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd company, to improve the Chapel Lane playground in the town.

Work is now underway to draw up the new plans for the revamp of the Chirk play area.

Chirk Town Council Clerk Sam Hughes said the group of mums approached the council to ask if the play facilities at Chapel Lane could be improved, particularly those for the younger children.

Mr Hughes explained: "They were keen to become involved with the project, and became very active in raising funds, holding events over the last 12 months."

"The funds they raised enabled them to put forward the match funding necessary to help Chirk Town Council secure the grant."

"It is thanks to them, and Wren, that work will start shortly to fully refurbish the playground."

Mr Hughes said the equipment would be for all local children and their families, including those with disabilities.

The Town Clerk added: "The project will look at access to the site and play experiences for all young people as well as providing new and exciting opportunities to encourage creative play and develop confidence and imagination."

Life of Victoria Cross hero will be recognised by new tribute

THE life of a soldier from Welshpool who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his role in the First World War will be remembered with a new tribute.

William Waring was 32 when he died in Ronssory, France in 1918.

Mr Waring was leading an attack against enemy machine guns when he single-handedly rushed an enemy strong-point, bayoneting four of the garrison and capturing 20 men with their guns.

The lance-sergeant then reorganised his men, leading them for another 400 yards before he fell mortally wounded.

He was given the Victoria Cross, which is dis-

By Andrew Morris

played at the Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum at Caernarfon Castle. But now Welshpool Town Council, which displays a collection of Mr Waring's medals in the town hall, has agreed to have a tribute more visible to the public.

Councillor John Corfield, a member of the town council, said it is important to remember the role Mr Waring played in the war.

Cllr Corfield said: "He is one of Welshpool's most respected sons and we do have a small memorial to him in the council chamber of the town hall."

"However, other than the small percentage of

people who use that room, I am not sure how many people would even be aware that it is there."

"All Victoria Cross recipients are due to have a memorial placed in their home town by way of a paving stone to mark 100 years since World War One. But these will be installed 100 years to their death, meaning we have another four years to wait."

"With it being in the public eye so much this year, I suggested that we have William Waring's picture placed in the window of the town hall at eye level with some information about what he did. This was backed by my fellow councillors and it will now hopefully go up within the next couple of months."

Food signs 13 reminder

FOOD businesses in Mid Wales could be fined £200 if they fail to display their hygiene rating correctly, council officers have warned.

Powys County Council's environmental health service has issued a reminder to the area's businesses that they are required to display their food hygiene ratings and also tell customers what their rating is if they ask.

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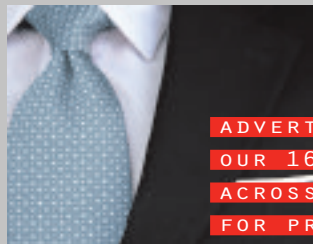
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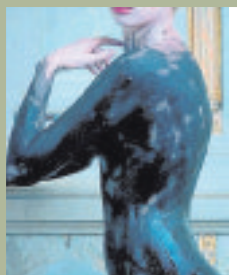
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16 Spray to help halt spread of the flu

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A NEW nasal spray to protect youngsters against the flu virus has been hailed as "simple" and "painless" by health experts.

And the latest method, which offers an alternative to the injected flu vaccine, is free, easier to give out, and has less side effects.

It comes as thousands of schoolchildren in Shropshire and Mid Wales will become some of the first to benefit from this type of Fluenz immunisation, as part of a pioneering NHS pilot scheme.

It will be given out in Shropshire schools to year seven and eight pupils as a single dose of nasal spray squirted up each nostril.

Year seven pupils will be offered the nasal spray in schools and GP surgeries, along with youngsters aged two, three and four, in Wales.

Carole Hales, immunisation manager at Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust, said immunising pupils in years seven and eight will help stop it spreading through the school to friends and family.

Railway men's sacrifice to be remembered by project



Art students Jos Doggett, Demi Mansell, Georgia Llewellyn and Alastair Scott

By Pam Kingsley

THE 53 men from the Cambrian Railways who fought and died in World War One will be commemorated with a piece of sculpture created by college students.

Art students from Walford and North Shropshire College have started to produce ceramic poppies for the art installation to commemorate the centenary of the war this November.

There will be a total of 53 poppies made in total.

Each one will recognise each of the 53 railway men who died in the First World War.

Once fired and glazed the poppies will be used in the art installation in the grounds of the college in time for this year's Remembrance Sunday events.

Andrew Tullo, spokesman for Cambrian Heritage Railways, said: "We are very conscious of the contribution made by the Cambrian Railway to the war effort from 1914, and are pleased that Walford students are showing their respect to the railway men who gave their lives."

Kate Smallwood, art tutor at Walford and North Shropshire College, said the students had been learning about the history of the town while working on the project.

She said: "This is a fantastic way of getting

the art students creatively involved within the commemorative celebrations of the centenary, as well as being involved with the local community."

An exhibition is currently on display at Oswestry Station showing the railway's part in the Great War.

Mr Tullo, who helped organise the exhibition, said even he had been surprised by some of the stories that had been uncovered while researching the displays.

Key

"Research for this exhibition has revealed much we did not know about the key role that railways, including the Cambrian, played in the Great War," he said.

"Many people do not know the sacrifices that many in the work force were to make, and the long-term effects on their families and the wider community."

Alongside this, a memory table will help to explore a range of general war-related subjects including advertising and propaganda, food and rationing, illness and injury, popular music, contact with those at the Front and humour in wartime.

The exhibition is open 11am to 3pm Tuesday to Friday, and weekends when trains are running.

Groups are welcome to book a visit to the exhibition.

People can call (01691) 688763 for more information about what is on offer.

Village's war loss recognised at event

MORE than 30 young men from a village who lost their lives in World War One were remembered in a moving torchlit ceremony.

And the memory of the 31 will live on in the form of a new sculpture unveiled in Trefonen, near Oswestry.

Lights Out Trefonen captured the imagination of the community with villagers turning out to watch the emotional torchlit procession.

Thirty one torches were carried, some by descendants of those who died, to the old coal pit mound where the sculpture has been erected.

A spotlight shone on to the artwork - a cross woven with 31 enamelled poppies.

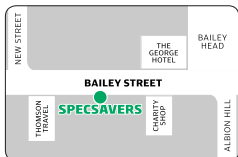
Chris Wood, one of those behind Lights Out Trefonen, said: "It is 100 years since the terrible events of World War One claimed the lives of an estimated 37 million people worldwide."

"Lights Out Trefonen and the exhibition is an opportunity for people from the local parish and visitors to reflect on how those troubled times changed the world forever."

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Paris cycle trip boosts hospice



The cyclists made it to Paris raising cash for Hope House Children's Hospice

A GROUP of 100 cyclists has completed a London to Paris cycle ride to raise funds for Hope House Children's Hospice.

The ride was organised by Cheryl Craven in aid of the hospice which is based at Morda near Oswestry.

So far the ride has raised more than £880 and Mrs Craven, who is from Shifnal, said she hopes to bring that total to £1,000.

"Hope House is particularly close to my heart because my cousin Jonathan Petford's daughter Lili, who lives in Lawley, stays at Hope House for respite care," she said.

"Lili is a cheeky seven-year-old girl who has a rare neurological condition called Rett Syndrome, which affects her mobility - she cannot walk - and her ability to communicate verbally - she cannot talk."

"Because of her condition Lili depends on her family for all her needs. She cannot eat normally and is fed through her stomach, and she also has limited eyesight and also has seizures."

"She requires 24/7 care, and without Hope House and other children's hospices, families would not have the breathing space to recharge their batteries."

"We forget that with any child with a disability it's not just the child but the entire family that this impacts on."

The ride started from Blackheath Common in London, and over the next four days the group covered 300 miles as they passed through Calais, Arras and the Somme region. To donate to Mrs Craven's fundraising visit www.justgiving.com/cheryl-craven3

Staff help to stage markets conference

STAFF from Oswestry Town Council spent a week in London to help host a conference for 325 delegates on improving markets across the UK.

The council provides administrative and financial support, as well as a base for the National Association of British Market Authorities (Nabma).

Town mayor John Gareth Jones, Councillor Cynthia Hawksley and town council clerk David Preston spent four days in London for Nabma's national conference, which includes representatives from dozens of market towns across the country.

Mr Preston said the event went well.

He said: "It was huge pressure, but it's good to put Oswestry on the map."

"The work is part of the service level agreement that we have with Nabma that is worth in excess of £40,000 per annum to the town council."

Event will help charity

A FUNDRAISING coffee morning for the SADS UK charity will be held in Oswestry this weekend.

The event, organised by Anne Wilson, will be held on Saturday at 10.30am in the Senior Citizens hall in Lorne Street, Oswestry.

Entry is £3 to include a raffle ticket.

There will cake and bring and buy stalls and a raffle.

The SADS UK charity raises funds for research into and raising awareness of Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome.

Food festival set to be a mouth-watering hit



Rob Price from Cadwyn Clwyd and Ynyr Evans from Llangollen Brewery toast the food festival's success

THIS year's Hamper Llangollen Food Festival is shaping up to be another mouth-watering celebration.

With top chefs showing off their skills and a host of activities and attractions arranged, the extravaganza, held on October 18-19 at Llangollen Pavilion, is set to attract visitors from near and far.

Visitors are encouraged to discover great food and drink in the festival's

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fabulous local producers market. They can enjoy live cookery classes and take part in fun workshops.

As part of the celebrations, a Llangollen brewery is creating a new beer called Rail Ale to mark its links with the golden age of steam and the food festival.

The Rail Ale, created by Ynyr Evans at Llangollen Brewery, will also be sale at the food festival, while train passen-

gers will be able to pick up a bottle at the rail station's platform buffet.

Now recognised as one of the UK's top 10 food festivals, Hamper Llangollen is supported by rural development agency Cadwyn Clwyd. Cadwyn Clwyd agri-food project officer Rob Price said: "Hamper Llangollen is a prime example of how Cadwyn Clwyd is helping to stimulate the local economy. The event will bring a large amount of people and extra money into the area, whether they are visiting for the day or staying the weekend."



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Flood scheme to benefit areas
COMMUNITIES and individuals across Shropshire will benefit from a new flood risk management strategy for the county, according to an environmental chief.

Dave Edwards, flood officer for Shropshire Council, said more grants could be secured to help affected areas if the authority could show it had plans in place to deal with rising water levels.

Work is about to start on a £1.3 million flood alleviation scheme in Much Wenlock and Mr Edwards said the council's newly-published strategy could also make a difference for individual homeowners and businesses affected by flooding.

Mr Edwards said Shropshire was given a £200,000 grant to finance its statutory flood duties.

Vet is elected to top national role
AN Ellesmere vet has been elected president of the British Veterinary Association.

John Blackwell is currently a director of Brownlow Veterinary Centre, a three-centre mixed practice in Ellesmere.

Mr Blackwell was born and brought up in Wrexham, and graduated from the University of Liverpool Veterinary School in 1985.

A former president of the British Cattle Veterinary Association, he is also a director on the Animal Medicines Training and Regulatory Authority.

Residents voice objections to hamlet homes proposal

By Pam Kingsley

ALMOST 100 residents have signed a petition in protest after a developer submitted a series of planning applications for a total of 52 houses in a hamlet near Nesscliffe.

Dozens of people living in and near to Wilcott have lodged objections with Shropshire Council over the four planning applications submitted by Mr TE Jones. The applications are for 28 houses on land east of the playground in

Festive card contest plea

THE autumn leaves are only just beginning to turn - but children are already being invited to get into the Christmas spirit and design a festive greetings card.

Children aged up to 11 are being asked to design the official Christmas card for Clwyd South Assembly Member Ken Skates and MP Susan Elan Jones.

The winning design, which will be chosen by First Minister Carwyn Jones, will be sent out to constituents, businesses, schools and voluntary groups across Wrexham and Denbighshire.

Last year's competition attracted more than 100 entries.

Mr Skates said: "There were so many great designs last year we decided to feature four on our card, and we're hoping for just as good a response this time.

The competition closes on November 14. Designs can be sent to Mr Skates' constituency office at Unit 19, The Malthouse, Regent Street, Llangollen, LL20 8HS.

Wilcot Avenue, 10 homes to the land west of the playground, and 11 homes on land to the south of Queensway.

A fourth application is for three homes to be created from old farm buildings at Kinton.

Eric Leach, of Kingsway, Nesscliffe, described the proposals as "a concrete jungle" and added: "Residents of this small estate are up in arms about this development."

The planning application states that the development would provide "a natural infilling opportunity within the village" and says the new homes would be able to make use of the local facilities in Nesscliffe.

It also says that the new homes will go towards meeting Shropshire Council's five year housing supply target.

However, local resident Sam Wilkinson, of Wilcot Avenue, said: "We object to this application - as we do all of Mr Jones' other ill-conceived applications."

"Zero consideration has been given to the existing local residents. These proposed developments will ruin what is, and hopefully will remain, a peaceful rural hamlet and turn it into an overcrowded suburbia."

A petition of 90 signatures has been submitted to Shropshire Council planners and it is expected that the applications will be decided by the council's planning committee later in the year.

Daredevils boost campaign



Jemma and Ben Knowles took part in the zip wire challenge

DARING representatives of an Oswestry company took on a spectacular challenge to raise funds for a national anti-knife crime campaign.

The British Ironwork Centre is leading the "Save a Life, Surrender Your Knife" campaign which is being supported by the families of knife crime victims.

The Maddocks family organised a sponsored zip wire event in Snowdonia to commemorate what would have been the 34th birthday of Craig Maddocks, from Llay near Wrexham, who was killed in a knife attack in the Cambrian Vaults pub in Wrexham last year.

Ben Knowles and Jemma Knowles, from the British Ironwork Centre, took on Velocity, the largest zip wire in the northern hemisphere and the fastest in the world.

Mr Knowles said "It was a fantastic day and we were so pleased to have been able to support the Maddocks family and to recognise their support of our campaign."

"The zip wire was an amazing experience in breath-taking surroundings."

Smoking policy at hospital reinforced

A NEW smoke free strategy in a hospital will be given an extra boost during the national Stoptober campaign.

The policy at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital was introduced in July to reinforce the health benefits of stopping smoking.

Bosses hope to reinforce the message during the Stoptober campaign, which will run across Britain throughout October.

Following the first month of the smoke free strategy being in place, Ruth Tyrrell, associate director of human resources, told the hospital's executive board that she had received a lot of comments and questions on the policy from staff.

She said: "We've had lots of questions from staff since we introduced this, especially whether the car park across the road is included in the policy."

"The strategy aims to promote health behaviours among patients, visitors and staff and preventing opportunities to smoke while on the hospital site."

"We're now in the promotion period for Stoptober, and that's a good opportunity for us to reinforce this."

The board noted that the ban on smoking includes the use of e-cigarettes, and that it wouldn't be appropriate for a staff member who smelled of smoke to treat a patient.

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Garden centre is bought out

A GARDEN centre near Oswestry has been bought out by the UK's largest garden centre company.

Wyevale Garden Centres, which employs more than 5,000 people across Britain, has struck a deal to buy Moreton Park Garden Centre at Gledrid.

The centre's previous owners Shropshire Leisure Group will continue to run its other businesses in the area.

Shropshire Leisure Group has a wide portfolio of businesses including Moreton Park Hotel, the Lord Moreton pub and the Lion Quays Hotel and Spa. A spokesman for SLG said: "Shropshire Leisure Group will now concentrate on its hotels and pub."

Wyevale has been expanding and the purchase of Moreton Park brings its number of centres to 141.

Wine tasting night at town restaurant

EXPERT chef and wine connoisseur Geoff Hughes will be hosting a wine tasting evening in Oswestry tomorrow (Friday).

Mr Hughes, who is the owner and head chef at The Dining Rooms in Welsh Walls, will share some of his favourite wines with visitors.

This will be the fourth evening at The Dining Rooms, organised by PurpleFish, and discounts will be available for bulk purchases on the night.

Tickets are £10 with all profits going to the PurpleFish charity of the year.

Businesswoman launches new rural enterprise body

By Sue Austin

A NEW Women in Rural Enterprise (WiRE) business meeting has just been launched in Oswestry by Barbara Steadman, owner of online store Another Gorgeous Day which sells personalised wall plaques.

WiRE is the dynamic UK networking and business club for rural women in business. The organisation helps support all rural businesses with a package of practical support, including networking and training.

Mrs Steadman has been a member of WiRE for more than five years and found it disheartening that the group was no longer running in North Shropshire.

She said: "WiRE is a very supportive and informative organisation. I have gained so much from being a member."

"I would recommend anyone running a business in Shropshire to take a look at what they do."

The group now meets once a month at the new Baby Bird Cafe in Oswestry. The first meeting took place on September 26.

The focus of the meeting was self-accountability and Eva Hill of Oswestry based Work Life Better was on hand to give advice.

Mrs Steadman said: "If any business would like to present at the meeting please do get in touch."

"We have an interesting speaker at each meeting and would welcome enquiries from anyone wishing to pass on valuable information to the ladies in the group."

"The next meeting is on marketing and the speaker will be Tonya Davies of the Mrs Davies Marketing Company."

The next meeting will be held at 10am on November 7 at Baby Bird Cafe. For details contact barbara@anothergorgeousday.co.uk

Forums over pay scheme

OSWESTRY NFU group secretaries Stuart Chacksfield and Alec Bond are working with local panel land agents to arrange forums regarding the new 2015 Basic Payment Scheme.

Any NFU members or local farmers interested in attending should contact the NFU office either in person, or by calling (01691) 652120 for information about the dates and venues.

The branch is also pleased to announce that its guest speaker at this year's annual general meeting will be the new NFU West Midlands regional director Robert Newbery.

The meeting will take place at 7pm on November 26 at The Pedigree, Oswestry and will be an ideal opportunity for members to meet Mr Newbery and pose questions about their concerns for the year ahead.

Town thriving says law team



Emma Wilde from Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors

OSWESTRY is a growing as a business centre - and a leading firm of solicitors based in the town is happy to be playing a part in its success story.

Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors, based in Church Street, has been developing the commercial services it provides from the office and now has partners providing dispute resolution, employment and corporate and commercial advice to clients.

This is in addition to its well established commercial property, private client, personal injury, family and residential conveyancing teams.

Emma Wilde, commercial property specialist and head of the Oswestry office said: "We are responding to an increase in demand for commercial legal advice from a growing number of businesses in the area. Oswestry is a thriving market town and needs access to top quality legal advice available locally."

Scheme will help develop business

AMBITIOUS young people are being invited to apply for a fast-track course to become Powys' next top entrepreneurs.

The challenge has been set as part of the second Big Ideas Wales Challenge - one of the largest campaigns of its kind backed by the Welsh Government.

Young people aged between 16 and 24 who have started their own business this year or are committed to starting in 2015 will be able to audition to have the chance to work with top entrepreneurs to launch and grow their businesses for the future.

Applications have opened for up to 50 places on the challenge, which will include an intense three-day business bootcamp weekend where they'll be inspired and challenged by a team of entrepreneurs.

This will be followed by regular board meetings with the entrepreneurs and advisors to help and guide them for the 12 months after the bootcamp.

James Taylor, Big Ideas Wales programme ambassador, said: "This is a great opportunity for young people and one I'm sure entrepreneurs such as myself wished they could have had when starting a business."



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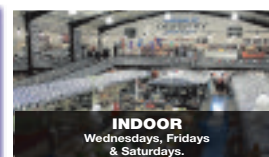
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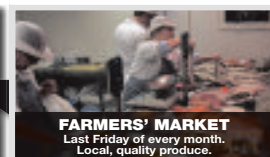
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Thousands raised at tournament

A BOWLS championships held in memory of a teenager who died from cancer has raised £1,600 to help the centre that treated him.

Ryan Phillips, 17, from Glyn Ceiriog, died four years ago from testicular cancer.

Since then his father Megis has worked to raise awareness of the cancer and the importance of seeking medical advice as soon as possible as well as fundraising.

The latest fundraiser was a bowls tournament held at Glyn Ceiriog.

Mr Phillips said that it attracted 64 bowlers and raised the £1,600.

"We have now raised about £11,000 for the Christie Cancer Centre in Manchester where Ryan was a patient," said Mr Phillips. "This money will go toward the teenager unit to buy things like DVDs and laptops."

Housing group given accolade

A HOUSING association which has developments across Mid Wales has been named as one of the top 30 organisations in the country for working families.

It is the third year that Wales & West Housing, which manages almost 10,000 affordable homes across Wales including 844 in Powys with a further 71 in development in the county, has received this recognition from the Working Families charity.

The charity campaigns for better work-life balance.

Poppy appeal challenge is given to town fundraisers

FUNDRAISERS in Oswestry have been challenged to raise more than £25,000 over the next 12 months to support members of the Armed Forces and their families.

David Cooper, the new organiser of the Poppy Appeal in Oswestry, has also issued a plea for more volunteers to step forward and for suggestions for a base to coordinate the fundraising campaign in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

The appeal will be launched in the near future and Mr Cooper said premises in the centre of Oswestry that could be loaned to the local branch of the Royal British Legion would be perfect.

He wants people in the town and surrounding villages to dig into their pockets to help the appeal beat the current year's fundraising tally.

"Our aim is to beat the current year's fundraising of £25,000," he said.

"We also need more volunteers to come forward to give us some help. This can be as little as perhaps an hour with our poppies in one of the supermarkets or other collection points, help with delivering items and other behind the scenes work."

In Shropshire last year the Poppy Appeal raised £380,000.

Ted Larkins, president of

Report by Sue Austin

Oswestry Royal British Legion, said the organisation gave help to not only forces personnel but also their families.

"The support is there for them for as long as they need it," he said.

Mr Larkins said that as well as the poppy collections the Oswestry branch also held a festival of remembrance every year.

This year the concert, in St Oswald's Church in Oswestry, will be held on October 25 at 7pm and will feature performances by Porthywaen Silver Band and Ellesmere Choral Society.

Anyone who can offer help as a volunteer or a space to the Royal British Legion for a few weeks should contact Mr Cooper by calling (01691) 718991 or emailing david.pentegarth@outlook.com or by contacting Shropshire community fundraiser Randy Baker on 07950 925302 or rbaker@british-legion.org.uk



Ted Larkins, David Cooper and Randy Baker are hoping for another successful fundraising year

Access to council services changing

THE way people access children's and adult services in Mid Wales will change over the coming months, according to council chiefs.

Powys People Direct will provide a single telephone number for children, adults and families that wish to contact the council to raise an issue or concern around the welfare of a child or an adult. It can also be used if people would like advice and guidance on how to get extra support, or to find out more about services and activities for children and families locally.

Lee Evans, spokesman for Powys County Council, said: "The council has developed the service to ensure individuals and families have access to the right service, at the right time, in the right place with the right outcome."

"The children and young people's service element will go live later this autumn with services for adults following in early 2015. We will publicise the single telephone number for Powys People Direct nearer the time when the service goes live."

The changes come as council leaders warn the way the authority operates in the future will change. Council leader Councillor Barry Thomas said the changes would come as the authority becomes more efficient to save millions of pounds.

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room with an en suite bathroom, and a further bedroom and family bathroom. Accessed via a second staircase there a further two bedrooms and a first floor sitting area. Outside, to the back of the house there is a double garage and a workshop. There are large gardens include a wooded area and a patio. For further information call Balfours on 01743 353511 or visit www.balfours.co.uk



Delightful detached home in much sought after position

A delightful five-bedroom detached house is on the market at Oswestry. Hafod Close is for sale for £344,950 and benefits from a sought after location, three reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen/diner, utility room, downstairs WC, master bedroom en-suite, two bathrooms, double glazing, gas central heating, double garage, off road parking and an enclosed rear garden. Viewings are highly recommended to appreciate this property. Contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044.



Modern bungalow situated close to county boundaries

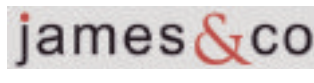
A modern bungalow is for sale for £210,000 in the village of Four Crosses, near Llanymynech on the Powys/Shropshire border. Number 4 Yrmyw Crescent is a detached bungalow located in a quiet cul-de-sac. The property has an open outlook to rear over farmland. There is a sitting/dining room, conservatory, kitchen with built-in appliances, utility, two bedrooms, shower room, double glazing and electric heating. The driveway is suitable for several vehicles and the property has an energy rating of 60RWH. For details contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01938 554818.



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Smart dormer property on fringe of village

On the market with JJ Dell & Co, Elton, in Nant Lane, on the edge of Morda, is a well appointed detached dormer bungalow in a quiet village position. It has an entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, four double bedrooms, a bathroom, cloakroom, garage, car parking and gardens. The kitchen has an integrated oven, hob and vinyl flooring. The lounge has a fireplace with a solid fuel burner, and there is a study. There are four bedrooms and a bathroom with a white suite of wash hand basin, bath with an electric shower over, WC, heated towel rail and vinyl flooring. The property is priced at £194,950. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit the website www.jjdell.co.uk for more details.

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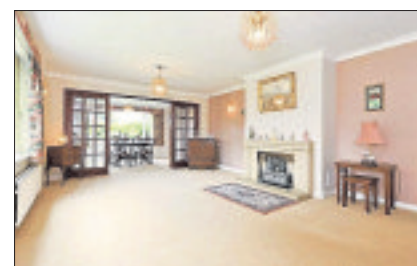
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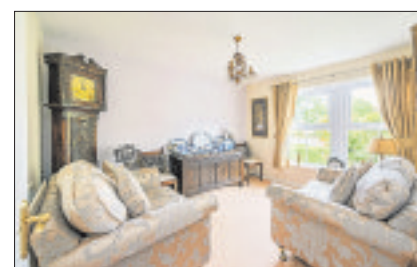
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Smart five bedroom house in a quiet area on the market

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Modern three-bed terraced bungalow available in village

A spacious three-bedroom terraced bungalow in the popular village of Wigmore has come on to the market at a guide price of £139,950. The accommodation at 12 Glen View comprises a porch, living room, kitchen with appliances and pantry, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, LPG central heating and double glazing. There is a front lawn and flowerbeds with a slabbed pathway, while at the back is a lawned garden with a gate to the rear.

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On the first floor (currently under completion by the vendors) are three rooms with the potential to become two double bedrooms and a bathroom. Call Samuel Wood on 01588 672728 to view.

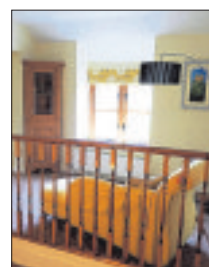

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- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating C



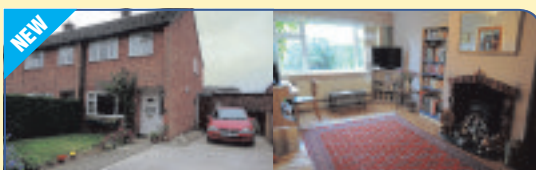
Monkmoor Road Oswestry £129,950

- Well positioned and spacious Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Conservatory, Two Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Double glazing, gas fired central heating. EPC Rating D
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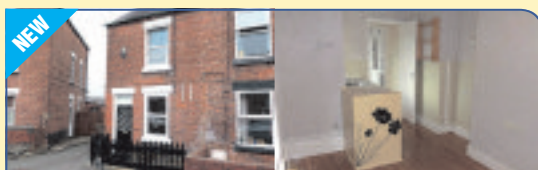
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Hammonds Place Gobowen £107,500

- Spacious and well appointed 3 Bedroom End-Terrace House
- The property has been significantly improved
- Good size Kitchen which opens into the Conservatory
- Lounge with wood burning stove and Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom on the first floor
- Well maintained rear garden, a large driveway and adjoining lawn
- Double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating C



Prince Street Oswestry £109,950

- Well presented and spacious End of Terrace Victorian Town House
- Living room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Rear Lobby
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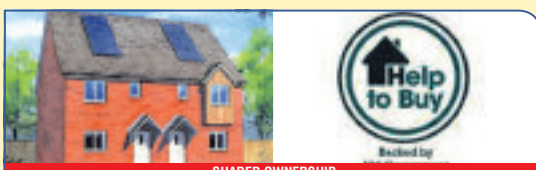
Wilfred Owen Close Oswestry £80,000

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- Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, landscaped rear garden
- Off-road parking single garage, summerhouse and garden shed
- Gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating D



Pen Y Parc, Moelfre

This delightful character cottage is situated in a most enchanting rural position, secluded but not isolated. Offering three bedrooms, three reception rooms and a potential annexe (subject to planning consent). The grounds extend to 4.5 acres and offer excellent equestrian features, accompanied with the well established cottage gardens, this property with undoubtedly be of interest to keen gardeners and those with equestrian interests.

Price: £415,000

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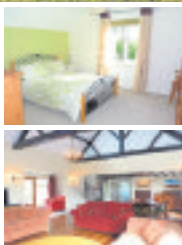
The Old School House, Knockin

The Old School House is a most interesting, if not unique, period house of immense charm and character, attached to the former Headmistress' property. The property benefits from a recent scheme of updating and modernisation. Warmed by oil fired central heating and benefits from character and charm throughout. Located in a lovely village location. EPC F.

Price: £425,000

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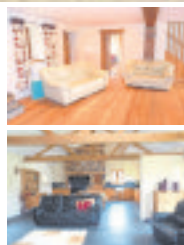
Penyllan Barn, Coed Y Go

A delightful barn conversion and family home which has kept the integrity of the original building with original features being apparent throughout with exposed brickwork, 80ft chimney, trusses and timbers. The handmade joinery internally is made from reclaimed pine. The property is being sold with two paddocks approximately two acres in area and detached barn and is set in a peaceful location. EPC C.

Price: £435,000

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The Old Mill, Candy

This handsome former mill comprises a spacious family home, large self contained annexe, outbuildings and nine acres of land including cottage style gardens, pasture and woodland. The property has been extensively refurbished over the last ten years by the current owners. Situated in an enchanting and delightful rural location with 800 acres of woodland walks on the doorstep. Current EPC Rating D.

Price: £750,000

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Fishers Cottage, Llanyblodwel

A wonderful detached extended and renovated cottage overlooking the River Tanat and situated in the picturesque Tanat valley. The property sits in approximately 3 acres with stable block, paddock, fishing rights, garage. Hall/Boot Room, Kitchen, Pantry, Dining Room, Lounge, Hallway, WC, Master Bedroom with Ensuite, Bedroom Two, Bedroom Three, Bathroom. EPC D.

Price: £349,950

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Llwyn-Y-Moelgau, Llanfihangel

A wonderful opportunity to purchase a lovely farmhouse located within its own little idyll which is being sold with the benefit of detached outbuildings, large stone barn and 15 acres of land. Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility, Shower Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Garden Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Store Room. Detached Workshop, Granary, Open Bay Hay Store, Detached Barn. EPC Rating E.

Price: £495,000

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Rose Cottage, Iron Mills

A beautifully presented detached cottage property set in an idyllic position surrounded by open countryside yet lying within easy reach of the A5. Offering well proportioned accommodation throughout, this unique home must be viewed in order to be fully appreciated. It is rare that properties of this calibre come to the market. EPC Rating D.

Price: £450,000

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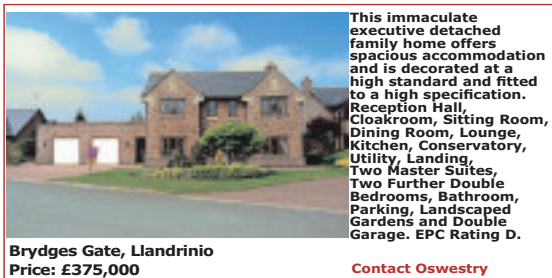
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Parc Llwyfen, Llanymynech

Price: Offers in Region of £345,000

An immaculate South facing detached family home in excellent decorative order throughout with views to the Breidden Hills in the distance. The property is warmed by LPG gas central heating and benefits from double glazing and the remainder of its NHBC Guarantee. This property needs to be viewed to appreciate its size, location and accommodation. EPC Rating D.

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Brydges Gate, Llandrinio
Price: £375,000

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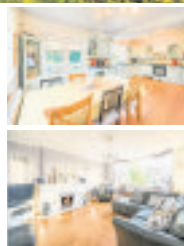
Blymhill Villa, Llynclys

This imposing 1930's detached FIVE bedroom family home offers immaculate and spacious accommodation which boasts original features in all rooms. South East Facing with views to the Heritage railway and countryside beyond, this property is warmed by oil fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing throughout. With excellent commuter link and glorious countryside walks on door step. EPC Rating E.

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Greenhous way is the best

What is the best way to ensure that a company can be forward thinking, fully skilled, innovative, customer care aware and guaranteeing a high quality of delivery from a respected workforce?

The answer at the Greenhous Group is that a company ethos has been developed during its 100 plus years of operation that is all inclusive and puts a heavy emphasis on recruiting the right people for the right jobs.

Add to this a collective understanding that the staff need to be skilled and happy in the workplace and you have a recipe for success.

At Greenhous there has always been a culture of development from within with many employees having exceeded their 25 year milestone of service. Many can reflect on starting on YTS schemes and progressing up from the shop floor and on into positions of responsibility, including top management. There is an implicit philosophy – The Greenhous Way – in which the standards and principles that are core to the business are cultivated and passed on by more experienced employees to the new recruits. Formal procedures are kept to a minimum so that staff, and particularly management, have both authority and responsibility for their actions.

That investment in young, talented individuals continues today through the use of the apprenticeship route. More than 20 individuals are at this moment in time

engaged on apprenticeship training programmes with Greenhous. Not just in the most obvious mechanical or electrical disciplines required for vehicle maintenance, but also, for example, in accounting, IT and software development, sales and customer care.

Nahara Hanson, HR manager at Greenhous, reports on a positive attitude towards apprenticeships by the managers within all parts of the company. "I receive requests from managers for a new recruit and I then set out to source possible individuals and set up the best route for that apprenticeship to be fulfilled. We use qualified and Ofsted accredited external partners to ensure that the qualifications gained by our apprentices are of the highest quality and recognised by employers. We have been very successful in 'growing our own' employees and they stay with us."

Greenhous is proud of its links with the local communities that its dealerships are a part of and draw many staff from those communities. Links are developing with schools and colleges to encourage students to think of the work place as a positive route instead of, or after university. Using modern day apprenticeships Greenhous can select the most suited individuals to benefit from their training programmes and the work environment provided. The company utilises the vast experience within its existing employees to mould the new key personnel the company will rely on in the future.

The company benefits from employing bright, technologically aware young people who have grown up with the latest inno-



'The Greenhous way has at its heart investing in people and is about empowerment and trust so that future prosperity and stability will be safeguarded.'

ventions and are prepared to embrace and use them without fear. Derek Passant is the chief executive of the Greenhous Group. He started himself on a YTS scheme with Greenhous and he reflects upon the importance of taking on apprentices and educating them in the 'Greenhous Way'.

"We have to look to the future. We are growing at a rapid rate and we need talented youngsters who will be the future managers of this company", says Derek. "We need quality electricians to keep up with the diagnostics of modern vehicles for ex-

ample. We do not know all of the answers so we will take on people who will innovate and solve the problems that present themselves, in order to take us forward."

The Greenhous Way has at its heart investing in people, and is about empowerment and trust so that future prosperity and stability will be safeguarded.

Pictured left to right: Ryan Evans apprentice in IT, Rhianon Copeland, communications relationship management, Georgina Purslow and Hollie Brookstein, business administration.

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Faster – greener, leaner

By Anthony Martyn

The all-new Mercedes-AMG C 63 Saloon and Estate were revealed this week.

Using the 205 series aluminium and steel chassis structure as its basis, the new C 63 adds an all-new 4.0-litre biturbo engine to give it great performance while unique, three-stage adjustable dampers and a bespoke steering set-up allow it to retain the agility that made the model it replaces the most popular AMG ever created.

The technology applied to the new Mercedes-AMG C 63 is focused on enhancing the performance of the car – to make it as exhilarating as possible yet viable to be used every day. The dynamic engine mounts fitted to the C 63 are a good example.

They reduce unwanted vibration from the engine and gearbox by softening during normal driving conditions – when greater agility is required, they stiffen to improve responses through the speed-sensitive, electromechanical steering and limit unwanted movement in the drivetrain.

Likewise, the C 63 uses a unique suspension set-up. At the front it uses four-link suspension, independent steering knuckles and a wider track to improve stability, while at the rear the multilink system uses independent mounts and an increase in negative camber.

Both are linked to AMG Ride Control system, operating through electronically-controlled three-stage dampers – ranging from comfort through to track settings. Useful for when the latter is engaged, a mechanical locking rear differential for the

standard C 63 and an electronic version for the C 63 S.

As standard the C 63 is fitted with 245/40 R18 (front) and 265/40 R18 (rear) tyres while the 'S' model gains 245/35 R19 (front) and 265/35 R19 (rear) tyres.

At the heart of any AMG is its hand-built engine. The Mercedes-AMG C 63 uses the M177 engine – a sister unit to the M178 found in the new Mercedes-AMG GT – displacing 3,982 cc and equipped with twin turbochargers neatly packaged in the 'V' of the cylinder banks and cooled via a special duct built in the bonnet of the car.

Developing 476 hp in standard form and 510 hp in the C 63 AMG S, it's nearly a third more efficient than the engine it replaces yet, in 'S' form, produces more power and emits less CO₂ – from 192 g/km of CO₂.

Improve

The combination makes it the most efficient performance engine of its kind.

A heavily revised version of the AMG SPEEDSHIFT MCT 7-speed transmission features on the C 63 – now with significantly quicker shift times to improve responses.

In saloon form, the C 63 AMG weighs from 1,715 kg while the Estate weighs from 1,785 kg (including fuel and the driver).

Matching the changes under the skin are extensive changes to the appearance of the car – both outside and in. New front bumpers with deep airdams to feed the intercoolers are joined by the unique AMG grille and a new bonnet with subtle power domes.

Unique, wider front wings (to clear the wider front track) feature a subtle 'V8 biturbo' badges above a set of similarly discreet sill extensions.



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The rear bumper is also new, designed to house the new quad exhaust pipes below a small wing mounted on the bootlid and above the tailgate glass on the estate.

Inside, the changes are immediately apparent, with deep, contoured seats set behind a small, unique AMG wheel and recalibrated AMG dials.

The option of AMG sports seats can be specified along with a range of different leather treatments and trim finishes – from piano black to carbon and aluminium.

Buttons for the AMG Ride Control, optional active AMG performance exhaust system and the three-stage gearbox modes are grouped around the standard Touchpad controller, above which is an AMG badge and IWC timepiece.

The Mercedes-AMG C 63 Saloon and Estate are both available to order in the UK from next month, with prices and specifications set to be announced when ordering opens. First deliveries are expected to take place in Spring 2015.

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Style trial with a modest price

By Sharon Walters

Peugeot's 208 Style offers a few extras over the Active model for a modest markup.

The 208 Style takes the Active trim level and adds a panoramic glass roof, sat nav, parking sensors, a leather-trimmed steering wheel, chrome door mirrors, and better upholstery, charging you an additional £750 for the privilege. Together, that lot would tot up to around £1,500 if ordered separately.

Peugeot is renowned as a maker of great small cars. In recent years, that reputation went through the wringer somewhat, but with the 208 the French company is back to form.

Here is a supermini that barely puts a foot wrong. It's well-built, it looks good inside and out, it drives well and it makes all the right numbers if we're talking economy and emissions. In other words, it really doesn't need a great deal of remedial work or that much of a big promotional push.

It seems that Peugeot just can't help itself though and has announced a special edition version of the 208.

The Style trim level is based on the popular Active version and adds a few useful extras for a reasonable premium. It's not a particularly novel way of drumming up new business, but most buyers aren't going to be too worried about that.

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The Style is offered with a trio of engines. Customers choose from either the PureTech 1.2-litre VTi petrol engine or should they prefer a diesel powerplant, there's the 1.4-litre HDi or the 1.6-litre e-HDi Stop & Start engines.

Whichever version you choose, you get a platform that has benefited from a crash diet. Peugeot has pared around 110kg off the weight of equivalent 207 models which is a huge advantage in a car so compact. As well as improving economy and emissions, cutting weight improves acceleration, braking and agility – all traditional Peugeot supermini totems. The 1.2-litre model tips the scales at

975kg, which is less than a Lotus Exige S. Let that one sink in for a moment.

The cabin is a big step ahead too and there's some novel thinking afoot. Rather than peer through the steering wheel at the gauges, Peugeot has instead made the wheel smaller and lower so that drivers will be able to look over it for an unobstructed view of the main instrument binnacle.

Higher quality finishes and a very neat infotainment system feature, while both three and five door models offer plenty more occupant space.

Increased

Not only do rear seat occupants get 5cm more knee room, they do so in a car that is 7cm shorter and 1cm lower than the old 207. That increased passenger space doesn't come at the expense of luggage capacity either, with the 208 offering an additional 1.5 cubic litres in which to stow your gear.

So what do you get for the extra £750 this Style model costs over a base 'Active'-trimmed 208?

Quite a bit as it happens. If you specified the satellite navigation system on its own onto an Active model, that would account for £400 straight off the bat, leaving you £350 to purchase a panoramic glass roof, parking sensors, a leather-trimmed steering wheel, chrome door mirrors and better upholstery. Best of luck with that one.

Together, Peugeot tots that lot up to £1,500,



so if you were planning to tick the sat nav box and one of either the parking sensors or the glass roof (or indeed both), you're better off choosing the Style version. That's on top of equipment like 15-inch alloy wheels, the multifunction colour touchscreen, Bluetooth and USB connectivity and a split rear bench for added versatility.

In truth, this Style version of the Peugeot 208 doesn't break much in the way of new ground, but then it didn't really need to. The 208 is a brilliant small hatch and is right up there with the class best.

What's more, it feels like a car that's confi-

dent in its own skin, that once again expresses Peugeot's brand values. It's stylish, it's elegant and it's French in a good way, not French in a 'wonder what bits are about to snap?' way.

The satellite navigation and the Cielo panoramic glass roof are easily worth the £750 extra that Peugeot charges for the Style, so think of the parking sensors, the leather steering wheel trim, the chromed door mirror cappings and the better seating fabrics as freebies.

You might not have needed a particular excuse to go shopping for a Peugeot 208 but now would seem as good a time as any to grab one of the best small hatch deals around.



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New BMW will cause ripples

By Ian Donaldson

IT doesn't look at all sporty and power goes to the 'wrong' wheels for a BMW but the latest model from the Bavarian car maker is going to cause some large ripples in the sales pond.

For BMW expects the majority buyers of a new 2 Series Active Tourer to come from other brands, and half of them to be mature empty nesters, more likely to transport their grandchildren than their own offspring. And these buyers won't care that the upright stance of the newcomer says 'practical' much more than sporty.

Indeed, they'll relish the space this releases for both people and luggage – and still admire the BMW badge on the bonnet.

They'll bother even less that this is the first BMW to drive through its front wheels – like almost every family car made these past many decades, but an absolute no-no in BMW terms until now.

Pushing power through the rear wheels is still best for absolute precision from the steering and making a powerful car punch through bends, but the 2 Series Active Tourer has other priorities, and manages pretty well anyway, thank you very much.

This is a car aimed at the heart of a quickly growing part of the car market, ignored until now by BMW but heavily patrolled for years past by Mercedes-Benz

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with its B-class and the posher versions of cars like the Ford C-Max and, a very recent arrival, the VW Golf SV. All attempt a dash of style while remembering that practicality wins the day and the new BMW is a fine example of this principle.

It is barely longer than BMW's own 1 Series hatchback but a little taller than a BMW X1 SUV, resulting in a car that will fit four six-footers in comfort (five at a pinch) yet take up only modest amounts of road space. A back seat that folds (easily from levers in the boot) in three sections and can be slid horizontally to favour luggage or rear passengers' legs, and an electrically powered tailgate as standard show BMW has taken everyday practicality to heart.

Under the bonnet there's a choice of a single petrol or diesel engine, with more arriving soon to offer more power and the option of all-wheel drive, a feature that will cost at least £29,175 to capture in a high-

end only models. In fact, the new Active Tourer starts from a much more reasonable £22,125, a figure that will strike fear into rivals with less prestigious badges.

That brings you a petrol powered 218i SE which, contrary to a very well earned reputation for mean levels of standard kit on upper crust German cars, is actually pretty well equipped.

Standard kit includes alloy wheels, DAB radio and Bluetooth, rear parking sensors, dual zone climate control, auto wipers and lights and the powered tailgate already mentioned.

Under the bonnet sits a new three-cylinder engine that promises good economy and feels plenty quick enough for the family-lugging role most Active Tourers will slip into – a drive over a variety of roads showed 40mpg on the strikingly clear dashboard that continues a BMW tradition of making things easier for the driver.

That continues with positive steering, a commanding driving position and buttons and switches that remind you of the car's quality every time you touch them.

Less impressive was a gearchange that puts first and reverse so close together that I started moving backwards at the lights until I learned to take more care and a ride that occasionally turned lumpy on some surfaces.

An automatic, diesel powered Active Tourer (from £24,205 plus £1,685 for the auto gears) pulled better still and showed 50mpg on a run and will win a lot of friends.



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– depending on model and finance package. "As sales of Mazda cars continue their dramatic rise, up 20.87 per cent so far this year, following an 18 per cent climb during 2013, we are eager to maintain our sales momentum by presenting customers with a selection of highly competitive finance packages throughout the rest of the year," comments Peter Allibon, Sales Director, Mazda UK.

"The all-new Mazda3 and the Mazda6, both now available with zero deposit and 0 per cent APR representative finance over 42 months, have immense appeal for private buyers and company car user-choosers. Like our Mazda CX-5 compact SUV, they feature Mazda's unique fuel-saving SKYACTIV technology to deliver big engine performance together with small engine fuel economy and emissions," adds Allibon.

Customers purchasing a brand new Mazda2, Mazda5, Mazda6 or Mazda MX-5 sports car with a Mazda PCP finance package before the end of 2014, can also enjoy the combination of zero deposit and 0 per cent APR representative over 42 months, plus a generous deposit contribution – depending on model. These contributions range from £500 on all Mazda2 models, to £1,000 on all Mazda6 models, or £1,500 on all Mazda5 models and from £500 up to £2,000 on Mazda MX-5 (depending on model).

The popular Mazda CX-5 – sales this year are up 57 per cent over 2013 – now comes with a fixed price service package costing £299 over three years and zero deposit with 5.9 per cent APR finance on both conditional sale over five years or on PCP over a 42 month period.



'New car buyers will be able to enjoy a wide range of Mazda benefits which include zero deposit'

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Kia aims to sell its Soul

By Sharon Walters

Kia's still got Soul. In fact it's back with a second generation version of its cubic little supermini-MPV.

The second generation Kia Soul is a much-improved proposition.

Granted, it needed to be to avoid being left behind in a market sector stuffed with talented rivals, but in becoming bigger, much better finished, with slicker suspension and better refinement, Kia has equipped the Soul for success. As before, it offers a trendier take on supermini motoring.

The original Kia Soul was a great example of a car that looked great on paper but didn't really cut it when you got behind the wheel. It didn't ride very well, it wasn't packaged as cleverly as it should have been and the interior design never lived up to the bold promise of that cubist exterior. Kia as a company has come a long way in recent years and it doesn't have room on its books for a nearly car, so to that end, the Soul has been replaced with a second generation model that's new from the ground up.

Well, perhaps that's a mild exaggeration, as it shares its chassis with the Kia cee'd but anyone who's driven a cee'd will appreciate that this promises good things. The Soul didn't sell too badly but it could have made a much bigger impact. Kia's confident that this current car will catch up and then some.

Where the old Soul had a jarring ride, moribund steering and poor refinement, the MK2 model aims to offer a much more involving drive. A modified version of the cee'd chassis is tasked with improving the Soul's ride and handling. The front subframe utilises four bushings to improve refinement and reduce harshness. The shock absorbers on the torsion bar rear suspension have been turned vertically and lengthened, allowing for more suspension travel and improved ride comfort. The front suspension and steering box have also been altered to improve stability, lend better balance and yield benefits to on-centre steering feel.

The engines comprise 1.6-litre petrol and diesel engines and a choice of six-speed manual or automatic transmissions. Both engines are carried over from the outgoing model, but have been tweaked to offer improved efficiency and more competitive emissions.

Kia has quite sensibly not fiddled too much with the most successful part of the Soul – its exterior styling. It's still the same block-shaped profile that works well, this time updated with some cleverer detailing. Much of this has been influenced by the 2012 Track'ster show car, including the large trapezoidal lower air intake, the location of the available fog lights and the reworking of Kia's signature grille, while the "floating" body colour panel inset into the boot has its roots based in the Track'ster as well.

Broadened

Combining a longer 2,570mm wheelbase (up 20mm), overall width that's broadened to 1,800mm (increased by 15mm) and the same overall height of 1,610mm adds a more aggressive edge to the MK2 Soul's appearance. The interior benefits from soft-touch materials on the instrument panel, centre console and door panels. Finishes like soft-grain leather and piano-black trims are also available. The Soul now benefits from a larger cabin with incremental increases in front leg room (1,090mm, 20mm more than the previous Soul), rear leg room (up 5mm to 993mm), front headroom (increased 5mm to 1,006mm) and front seat shoulder room (up 7mm to 1,410mm). This improved Soul also offers a 13mm lower hip point and a step-in height that's reduced 5mm, allowing for even easier ingress and egress. Overall cargo capacity is increased from 340 to 354-litres with the rear seats in place.

Prices for this Soul are still affordable, starting at well under £13,000 for the entry-level 1.6-litre GDI petrol variant. You'll need around £16,500 for the least pricey 1.6 CRDi diesel. Beyond the stripped-out 'start' variant, the bulk of the range is based around Connect, Connect Plus, Mixx and Maxx trim levels. All models get a DAB radio, Flex Steer variable power-assisted steering, coloured-keyed bumpers, power windows and mirrors, air conditioning, USB and AUX-in ports and six airbags.

Further up the range, there are features like a premium Infiniti sound system, a reversing camera, sat nav and front speaker mood lighting, plus the contrasting roof colour and door mirror casings that will really set your car apart. The top Soul Maxx gets a huge panoramic glass roof, leather upholstery and smart key entry.

The Soul's engine efficiency has always been very good, though the figures have dropped a little over what was on offer before, presumably due to this improved model's slightly greater weight. The 1.6 GDI petrol engine makes 41.5mpg and 158g/km of CO₂, while the 1.6 CRDi diesel registers 56.5mpg and 132g/km, which falls to 47.1mpg and 158g/km in the automatic version.

Residual values for the Soul have always stood up fairly well and that has helped to put a cap on the overall pence per mile figure when running one. Couple that with low insurance ratings and Kia's excellent seven year/100,000 mile warranty and it all should result in a car that's not going to put a huge dent in the family budget.

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Ford C-Max hits the spot and makes an easy pick

By James Parker

Compromise doesn't have to be a dirty word. In fact, intelligent compromise is exactly what underpins the design of Ford's C-MAX compact MPV.

Here's a car that needs to be big enough to fit family and luggage but not so big that it's too hard to pilot around town or park. It requires an engine with the torque to move a fully loaded car but not one that's so thirsty that the family purse strings are going to be stretched to breaking point. It would need all the modern safety and convenience features that buyers demand, but pricing that isn't out of reach of wage packets that already have school uniforms to buy and hungry mouths to feed.

Hitting the sweet spot in all of those decisions and many others beside is where the expertise lies and is the reason why the C-MAX is one of the biggest selling cars in its class. Ford first introduced this compact MPV model in 2003 and since then has sold more than 1.2 million in Europe and currently holds a 12 per cent market share.

The C-MAX was always an easy pick for anyone who enjoyed driving. It was by far the best car in its class when it showed a B-road. Now that the Golf SV is around, that superiority is no longer quite so cut and dried, but it's still a class act. Particular attention this time round has been paid to improving refinement. Noise, vibration and harshness have been improved through the use of thicker side glass and more absorbent seals around the tailgate and rear view mirror. The engine bay heat shield has been filled with acoustic damping material to reduce powertrain noise and diesel variants are equipped with extra acoustic seals to further reduce noise intrusion. A re-tuned dual mass flywheel helps to reduce shaking forces when the engine is under load, while revised engine mounts offer improved refinement during Auto-Start-Stop operation.

The star of the engine line-up is the 120PS 1.5-litre TDCi diesel engine, seen for the first time in the C-MAX, replacing the old 1.6-litre unit. Power goes up by five per cent while emissions drop by six points. There are also the multi-award winning 1.0-litre EcoBoost petrol engines, offered once again in 100 and 125PS outputs. The big banger in the range is a revised 2.0-litre diesel.

The design of this C-MAX is evolutionary, with many of the details being brought up to date to reflect contemporary Ford thinking. The dynamic styling delivers a stronger, sleeker front end, featuring Ford's distinctive inverted trapezoidal grille. The washer jets have been hidden underneath the windscreen to give a cleaner look while the tailgate has been given a smoother and more sophisticated one-piece appearance.

Refinements

Inside, you'll find a dash that's a lot less fussy than the previous model, reflecting the customer-led design refinements that have already been executed on the Focus. There are fewer controls and switches, while the new black sat-in trim and chrome detailing contributes to a cleaner look. Functions are simpler to use, such as the air-conditioning controls that now feature buttons that are easier to recognise and distinguish from each other. Practicality improves too, with a redesigned centre storage console. The seats still tumble down individually in one motion to create a flat floor, with over 470-litres of space with all five seats in place.

Ford has gone quite big on electronic gizmos in this latest iteration of the C-MAX. The last model also had a lot of smart tech features and Ford rightly left most of them on the options list, giving customers the choice of whether they wanted to pay extra or not for these nice-to-haves. You can now get one of those tailgate openers which operate when you wave your foot under the bumper.

There's also a perpendicular parking system and Active City Stop collision avoidance that operates at up to 31mph. Ford's latest Sync2 voice-activated connectivity system is also on offer, delivering smartphone sync and the chance to control some of the car's minor functions by voice command. The clearer eight-inch colour touchscreen is a welcome addition. Ford also brings its MyKey technology, which lets parents set a top speed and limit stereo volume in advance to prevent the young 'uns getting a bit overexcited.

The diesel models really come into their own when you're willing to put some miles on the clock. If you want the C-MAX as a school run and shopping vehicle, you'd be better advised going for one of the economical 1.0-litre petrol models as they're priced so cheaply as to be a more cost-effective purchase. Really leverage the economy benefits of the diesel engine though and you'll save big. The 1.5-litre TDCi diesel returns a combined fuel economy figure of better than 65mpg. Go for the 2.0-litre and it will also get around 60mpg. Insurance reflects the C-MAX's family owner profile, excellent safety and security record and low cost of repairs. The 1.6-litre model is expected to be rated at just Group 16E.



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Oswestry School buys its fifth minibus from Arthurs

Rising numbers of students have resulted in Oswestry School purchasing a fifth new Vauxhall mini bus from their near neighbours Arthurs Vauxhall.

The latest purchase, a 17-seater Vauxhall Movano, will enable two buses a day to run between the independent school and Shrewsbury.

The total of five Vauxhall mini buses provide transport for Oswestry School students from Llansantffraid, Newtown, Welshpool, Ellesmere, Wrexham, Bangor on Dee and Shrewsbury – which is an increase from seven to eight journeys a day.

Bursar Phil Bowd said: "The purchase of the new Vauxhall Movano 17-seater mini bus is to serve an increasing number of pupils from Shrewsbury."

"We have now purchased five new Vauxhall mini buses from Arthurs of Oswestry since 2012.

"Arthurs, a local business, give us very good service and we find the Vauxhall products to be very fuel efficient and to have a large storage capacity for students' bags and equipment."

Oswestry School holds special memories for Arthurs managing director Nigel Williams who attended the school. He said: "I am very pleased to maintain an association with the school and wish the new headmaster

Mr. Julian Noad every success and happiness.

"He has been very well received by pupils and parents alike and I am confident the school will continue to enjoy success."

"The school is going from strength to strength and is extending its transport runs even further afield in order to cater for the increased demand."

Added Mr. Bowd: "When looking to purchase mini buses we carried out a thorough comparison of the models available and it was clear that the durability, reliability and economy of the new Movano is difficult to beat."

Pictured: Oswestry School headmaster Julian Noad with Arthurs managing director Nigel Williams.

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Audi's armchair motoring

By Graham Breeze

It had been a while since last driving the Audi A6 Allroad Quattro so a 300 mile motorway journey was the perfect test.

Because make no mistake the 3.0BITDi (313PS) version is the perfect motorway cruiser with just about everything you could want for that long and boring trip.

If armchair style comfort isn't enough to keep you happy then an engine which punches from 0-62mph in less than six seconds and will top speed at 155mph should keep you interested.

This A6 really does have the wow factor or enough X-Factor to keep even Simon Cowell satisfied.

Complete with an eight-speed Tiptronic gear system this third generation A6 is stylish, comfortable and exciting to drive once you've remembered how to operate the maze of electronic add-ons which Audi has become famous for.

The recipe Audi follows to make the A6 Allroad hasn't changed much over the years but the concept has matured to meet the demands of the modern day motorist.

Adjustable air suspension is now used differently to raise the car only when needed, rather than giving the car a permanently raised off-road look. This adds to the eye-catching appearance which means that, although there are thousands of A6s on our roads, they still command a second glance.

Handle

The benefits of the four wheel drive system are immediately obvious and the A6 Allroad is a dream to handle, both on the motorway or on country roads.

Being able to dip the accelerator pedal at high speed and get an immediate and beautifully throaty response was the best part of driving this A6, meaning you could accelerate your way out of any motorway situation with ease.

Equipment levels are high, with all A6 models getting the MMI navigation system, leather upholstery, 18-inch alloy wheels, front and rear parking sensors and hill descent control.

The test car would set you back just over £49,000 but with the added extras that price shoots to £60,000.

For the extra £11,000 you get power door closing, a range-topping technology pack which gives MMI Navigation Plus,



'Audi success story goes on and on and if you're not frightened off by the price the A6 Allroad is a good 'choice'

Audi connect, a music interface, stop/start system and lane assist warning and lots of other add-ons.

There is also a Bose surround sound system, heated front seats and a glove compartment mounted CD changer.

What not to forget is that this is a five-door estate in layman terms and that means enough space in the boot area to help you move house. And with the rear seats folded flat its spacious enough to act as back-up for the local undertaker.

There are lots of practical touches, in-

cluding straps, lashing points and a rail-based system for securing luggage.

The Allroad is brimming with safety equipment, including six airbags and stability control. Optional extras include rear side airbags.

While the cabin is typically Audi - spacious and comfortable - the one surprise is in the rear where carrying three passengers is not a comfortable proposition.

The Audi success story just goes on and on and if you're not frightened off by the price the A6 Allroad is a good choice.



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Integra - great combination

By John Griffiths

Honda's latest Integra has something of an identity crisis: a bit like Clark Kent and his alter-ego the caped crusader.

It's deliberate, of course, as the company tries to widen the appeal of two wheelers and integrate some of the best features of bikes with those of a scooter. Hence the name: it's actually nothing to do with the Honda's Integra Type R, one of the best coupes of the 1990s.

Officially the £7,788 Integra is classed as a 'maxi scooter' and with a torquey 745cc twin cylinder engine and a top speed of around 100mph it's certainly near the top of that class.

It has first-class weather protection but with its excellent chassis and 17-inch wheels it has the stability and handling of a bike. That isn't a surprise, as apart from the bodywork its shares virtually everything with its stablemate the 750S

It would serve admirably as an easy-to-ride commuter scooter with what is probably the best automatic transmission on any two-wheeler, but unlike some of its smaller counterparts you can tackle some serious touring too.

Depending on how and where you ride it, everyday economy is between 60 and 70mpg – in fact the official figure is 80mpg. With a 14.1 litre tank that gives you an impressive range between fill-ups.

It has the comfort and performance to handle longer motorway runs, able to easily keep up the pace without leaving you feeling intimidated as other traffic treats you like a rolling roadblock. There's plenty of power to carry a pillion passenger, too.

The Integra isn't over-heavy at 237kgs: in fact it's a relative lightweight compared to some of its rivals and with its sturdy, shift chassis and bike suspension it's particularly stable in a straight line and doesn't dip and wallow in corners. In fact it corners like a motorcycle because, in all areas that count, it is one.

I have heard of one tester complain of scraping the bodywork through being over enthusiastic in a corner but from my own experience I don't know how. There were times when I used all the rear tyre's treaded area without any other sort of contact.

A big, well-shaped seat – almost an armchair by bike standards – and long footboards instead of pegs allow the rider a nice upright position but also the ability to shuffle about a bit, to avoid stiffness and numb rear-end syndrome when you've been sitting there for an hour or two.

Injected

The aerodynamic front end and large front screen are well designed to protect you from wind blast and rain. In fact on an autumn day in my heavy protective bike gear I felt too warm, the only noticeable breeze hitting the back of my neck (drawn in from the rear as in a convertible car).

The latest Integra's fuel injected engine has grown in size from 670 to 745cc, giving it an extra 3bhp (now just over 54) and a healthy 68Nm of torque, which is on a par with some bigger engine bikes such as Triumph's Bonneville.

The significance of that is smooth riding while maintaining relatively high gears for economy. Fourth around town at 30mph, for example, is easy going and impressively quiet, but the Integra has the ability to pick up its heels when required.

The second generation DCT transmission uses a 'proper' gearbox (as opposed to a CVT system) with an electronically controlled dual clutch system, similar to the Audi VW Group's acclaimed DSG unit.

It has two modes – Drive, which selects and holds the highest gear for the conditions to give you best economy and Sport, which is more responsive and allows the revs to get up towards the redline if you give it a big handful.

You can also change gear manually, using 'up' and 'down' buttons on the lefthand grip. It is very fast-acting, the electronics interpreting your requirements via movements on the throttle but the ability to change down one or two cogs with just the press of the thumb is ideal when, for example, you're setting up for a tight bend.

It's smoother and more responsive than any CVT system I've ridden, offering better rider connection with the bike as well as fuel and performance advantages.

The brakes – discs front and rear with ABS – are reassuringly effective and are operated by separate hand levers on the bars. Being more used to the normal bike arrangement, though, it did take a few miles to stop my right foot from pressing the footboards.

As the Integra is essentially built on a motorcycle frame, it lacks some of the cargo carrying capacity of more 'normal' scooters. The fuel tank is under the large hinged (and lockable) seat and in front of that there's a storage bay which will just about take a helmet. The configuration also means you throw your leg over the seat, bike-style, rather than the 'step through' facility of some scooters so there's no facility for a bag hook there. A rear luggage rack and box are on the accessories list.



The Integra's integrated design sets it apart from the herd and gives it an appeal all of its own.

It's more of an all-rounder than some of the pure scooter breed, with its motorcycle performance and handling which make it more fun, too.

Its combination of capabilities – nearly 100mph and almost 80mpg – plus its excellent transmission and more comfort and weather protection than most standard bikes make it an attractive alternative for some riders than more traditional designs on both sides of the fence.

TESTED

Honda NC750 Integra

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11 (61)	KIA CEE'D 1.6 CRDi Estate, Silver.....	WAS £13,950 NOW £12,750
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11 (11)	HONDA JAZZ 1.4 ES 5-dr, Grey, 3,700 miles.....	£9,650
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10 (10)	VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.4 Turbo, Black.....	WAS £11,450 NOW £10,450

10 (10)	VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 SRI Technical Grey.....	WAS £11,650 NOW £10,650
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08 (08)	VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 CLUB, 5-dr, Metro Blue.....	£4,850
08 (57)	TOYOTA AYGO Platinum.....	£3,950
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06 (55)	LAND ROVER FREELANDER 2.0 TD4 FREESTYLE 3-dr.....	£5,650
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05 (05)	SUZUKI JIMNY 1.3 J1X WTS Bright Red.....	£4,250
04 (54)	KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 XE 4WD, Blue / Grey.....	£1,850
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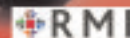
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9-er



Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all 9 letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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THE CLUES

91729 gives a composer;
62841 gives a singer;
374578 gives an instrument.

Your time:

X is to Y



1. Homer Simpson is to Bart as Peter Griffin is to ? BRIAN, CHRIS, CHUCK, MIKE, SETH
2. Mr Bean is to Rowan Atkinson as Monsieur Hulot is to ? JEAN-PAUL BELMONDO, GEORGES DUBIAT, MARCEL MARCEAU, RENE NEAUSE, JACQUES TATI
3. John Humphrys is to Magnus Magnusson as Jeremy Paxman is to ? JIM BOWEN, BAMBER GASCOIGNE, VERNON KAYE, TOM O'CONNOR, ANNE ROBINSON

Your time:

Mindbender



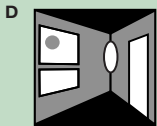
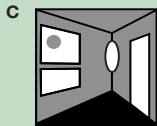
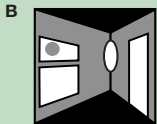
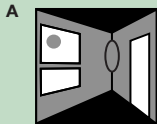
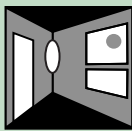
Yesterday, Ken became double the age that Emma turned last week; nine years ago, he was three times the age that Emma was thirteen years ago. How old was Ken yesterday?

Your time:

Mirror Image



Which of the four shapes below is an exact mirror image of the shape on the right?



Your time:

Split Decision



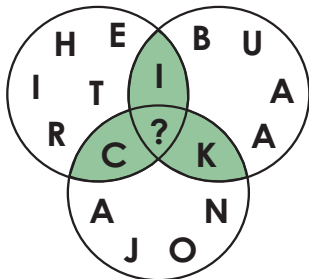
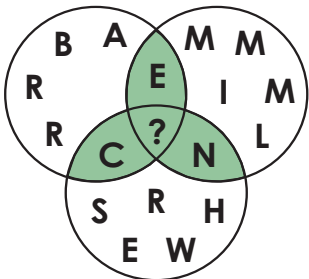
Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

S	K	F	S	S	K	S
H	N	U	K	I	A	
A	O	W	T	N	Y	G
C	R	N	D	H	A	
T	U	O	B	K	T	

Your time:

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



ALPHAMUDDLE

Rearrange the letters to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed to start you off.

D	A	S	S	Y
T	A	S	T	E
S	O	R	R	I
S	A	V	V	Y
E	R	O	R	T

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IMPOSSIBLE PUZZLES

1. In Professor Thomson's will he left his 499 Propex shares to the three children, but subject to the square of the boy's share being half the product of the two daughters' shares. Certainly unusual, but it did make sense. How would the shares be apportioned?

2. When Paul was a year older than Peter was when Paul was half as old as Peter is, Peter was a year younger than half as old as Paul was when Peter was a third as old as Paul is. One of them is in his teens, and we have ignored odd months in their ages. How old is Paul?

3. 'Cheers!' said Andy, raising his glass. 'Here's to many more happy birthdays. I don't mean to be rude, but how old are you?' The old lady smiled. 'Ten years ago I was three times as old as I was when I was a quarter of what I hope to be ten years from now.' How old was she that day?

SUDOKU

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 13 Free (3,7)
14 Coach (7)
15 Stand (6)
16 Rut (6)
17 Melodious (7)
18 Essential (5)
19 Headland (4)
20 Sordid (5)
21 Available (2,3)
22 Deviates (6)
23 Gust (5)
24 Clear (7)
25 Finished (7)
26 Risky (9)
27 Fabric (6)
28 Short (5)
29 Wrong (5)
30 Urge on (6)
31 Award (5)
32 Arrives (5,2)
33 Accuses (6)
34 Equal (4)
- 49 See (4)
51 Very (6)
53 Boat (7)
55 Steel (5)
59 Mettle (6)
60 Loop (5)
61 Very good (5)
62 Immoral (6)
63 Enlarging (7,2)
65 Relation (7)
66 Urged (7)
70 Rest (5)
71 Game (6)
73 Stream (5)
75 Brag (5)
80 Attempt (4)
82 Father (5)
83 Told (7)
84 Sailor (6)
85 Reason (6)
86 Observes (7)
87 Omitting (7,3)

DOWN

- 1 Lessons (6)
2 Advised (8)
3 Horse (5)
4 Remote (7)
5 Programme (6)
6 Hard (5)
7 Lists (6)
8 Cold (7)
9 Awful state (6,4)
10 Kiosk (5)
11 Round (8)
12 Pen (4)
24 Scamper (7)
25 Below (5)
26 Swots (5,2)
27 Lit (7)
29 Material (5)
31 Bird (5)
32 Objective (4)
34 Threaded (6)
35 Serve (4)
37 Novice (7)
- 41 Heading (7)
45 Din (6)
47 Fish (7)
48 Argument (7)
50 Liked (7)
52 Animal (4)
54 Sound (5)
56 Conclude (5)
57 Stand (4)
58 Cursed (5)
60 Disgusting (10)
64 Become irritating (4,4)
67 Dearth (8)
68 Lie (7)
69 Friendly (7)
72 Hit (6)
74 Shake (6)
76 Lampoon (4,2)
77 Saw (5)
78 Kind (5)
79 Mind (5)
81 Catch (4)

SOLUTIONS

Brain Training
9-er
X is to Y
Volin

1. Chris, 2. Jacques Tati, 3. Bamber Gascoigne.

Mindbender
Sixty years old.

Split Decision >
D is the mirror image.

K	I	O	S	K
A	N	U	A	A
L	T	L	A	A
C	D	A	A	A
K	N	O	C	K

Crossword

13 For nothing, 14 Teacher, 15 Tri-
pod, 16 Groove, 17 Tumble, 18 Vital, 19 Cape.
20 Seamy, 21 On lap, 22 Strays, 23 Blast, 28
Evident, 30 Through, 33 Dangerous, 36 Tissue.
38 Tense, 39 Arms, 40 Inlet, 42 Medal, 43
Turns up, 44 Change, 46 Fear, 49 Sport, 51 High-
ly, 52 Fringe, 55 Pitch, 59 Spill, 60 Notice, 61
Prime, 62 Warning, 63 Blowing up, 65 Brother, 66
Pressed, 70 Break, 71 Tennis, 73 Black, 75
Boast, 80 Shot, 82 Pater, 83 Related, 84 Rating.

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B: The letter represented by the question mark is
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Impossible puzzles

1. 130 shares to the boy, 169 and 200 to the
daughters.; 2. Paul is 21 years old (Peter 18).
3. The lady was 70 years old.

Circlegram

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Man hurt in car collision in village

A 21-year-old man was taken to hospital with minor injuries after being involved in an accident in Whittington.

The accident happened at about 7.35am on Thursday last week in Boot Street when the man was involved in a collision with a car.

The air ambulance was called out and the road was closed by police.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Steve Parry said: "The incident involved a male in his 20s. He was taken to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital by land ambulance with relatively minor injuries."

Boot Street was reopened at about 8.30am.

A BUSY road was closed for nearly two hours by the police after a fuel tank being towed on a trailer started to leak.

Chirk Road in Gobowen was blocked by the vehicle at about 4pm on Wednesday last week.

Two crews from Oswestry Fire Station, police officers and Shropshire Council's environmental team officers worked on the clean-up.

Motorists in the area were diverted to alternative routes after the road was closed. The road reopened just after 6pm.

NOSTALGIA

By Toby Neal

WELSHPOOL-BORN Theodor Moss went from being a music hall comedian to a soldier fighting at the front in France during the Great War.

The story of Theo, who early on adopted the stage name of Theo Leslie, has been researched by genealogist Claire Jordan, with Theo's grandson Robin Stewart adding family snippets to complete the picture.

In this second instalment of the story, Robin tells how Theo went to war, crossing the English Channel to join the fighting on November 4, 1916.

"Soon after, he was posted to the 16th Division Ammunition Column, part of the Royal Field Artillery organisational mechanism, charged with getting ordnance to the guns," said Robin.

He later had a a posting to B
Battery, 155th Heavy Brigade
RFA

On October 20 1918, Theo was wounded in action, receiving a shell wound to the left side of his face. A medical board decided the



Theo shared a stage with Rex Harrison at the Grand at Wolverhampton

disability was likely to last some six months and surgery wasn't required. Theo had also had an earlier, and now secondary, medical complaint of debility and difficulty eating.

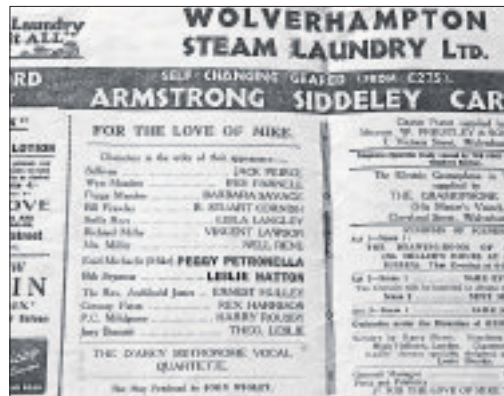
With the war ending shortly after his injury, it was not too long before Theo was able to return to civilian life.

Robin says: "He married Ivy, who'd helped nurse him back to health in hospital. Ivy, too, was

a performer and toured for many years as a dancer in the 1920s musical comedy hit *Chu Chin Chow*. Theo's first known return to the halls was in the revue, *Chimes*, at the New Cross Empire, London, in 1925.

"Theo Leslie never made first billing or had his name up in lights.

By now, approaching his 50s, Theo Leslie was describing himself as an actor-manager and



Rex Harrison's name near the bottom of the billing with Theo bottom rubbing shoulders with stars and stars-to-be. "Morley was famous for his wit and versatility. The foursome

He shared a stage with a 23-year-old Rex Harrison in the musical comedy *For The Love Of Mike* at the Grand, Wolverhampton in 1932.

"One of Rex Harrison's other loves, shared with Theo, was horseracing. They'd often travel to meetings in the company of English actors Robert Morley and Wilfrid Hyde-White.

"Morley was famous for his wit and versatility. The foursome would return from their days out to Epsom and Brighton races in Wilfrid's chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce." Robin said

Theo's colourful life, which had begun in Welshpool in 1882, ended peacefully at his Croydon, Surrey, home in 1952.

Researched by Claire Jordan (www.poppyresearch.co.uk)

Toy and train fair all set to be held

HUNDREDS of toy collectors and model train enthusiasts from across the country are expected to visit Oswestry for a specialist fair later this month.

The thrice-yearly toy and train sale will be held at Oswestry Showground on October 18 with a wide range of models and trains, old and new, on offer on the day.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "The sale is known for some of the rarer items brought in by customers and in recent years some very good boxed Dinky Toys and pre-WW2 Britains lead items have come through the door, amongst many others."

"The sale is spread across 70 tables with such famous names as Dinky, Corgi, Matchbox, Tri-ang, Hornby, Wrenn, Lima, Bachmann and many, many more being available. From a few pounds to many hundreds and more, there will truly be something for everyone at Oswestry.

"Traders are also hoping that customers will bring in their surplus items for valuation or for possible purchase or part-exchange."

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Cute and fluffy – or bullying and brash?

ANTHROPOMORPHISM is both highly popular and highly unpopular.

We all do it from time to time whether we studiously try to resist it in our contemplation of biology, zoology, animal behaviour and our studies of the natural world, or whether we like nothing better than ascribing a Potter-esque delineation to ‘our’ darling little hedgehogs, birds, bats, badgers and squirrels.

Talking about wildlife in an anthropomorphic manner is often something scoffed and scorned at, a ludicrous and juvenile method at hopelessly trying to describe imagined characteristics on creatures and disparaged and belittled by ‘those in the know’. In short, Disney and the aforementioned Beatrix have a lot to answer for.

But hang on – are there really no benefits to this admittedly simple manner in describing the attributes of the world’s wildlife? Certainly people get it completely wrong on some occasions. An ‘adorable’ laughing chimpanzee on that truly witty birthday card for Granddad, usually with the original caption ‘you’re how old?’ scrawled beneath it in comic sans font, is sadly showing an ape in a great deal of distress (and on a birthday card no less!).

Persuade Leaving aside inept card, designers and their naïve customers, anthropomorphism can be a good thing and I’d like to try to persuade you by using the worst possible example I can think of.

Ask someone to name the most unpopular mammal on Darwin’s green earth of Shropshire, and I expect more than a few will opt for the grey squirrel. Why are these animals so despised? You all know the answer and it’s staring back at you with cherubic features, big cute eyes and the colour red daubed all over it. It is well known that red squirrels are in the battle for their lives against the bigger, bolder, brasher and disease-wielding charisma of the Greys.

And yet do those greys, which lo and behold can be seen at their peak of activity right now dear Reader, have any saving graces and what’s more,

ON THE WILDSIDE

with Ben Waddams



can anthropomorphism save them?

Greys are well known as tree-damagers and destroyers, but how fortunate are various individual fungi and invertebrates for that I wonder? And if a tree dies, it adds complexity to the structure of the woodland environment, benefitting all. Squirrels, whatever colour, are preyed upon by owls, hawks and the remarkable and wonderful pine martin.

Greys are castigated as egg thieves, and yet just over 100 years ago red squirrels had a bounty on their cute and cuddly heads for causing the aforementioned damage to trees as well as the penchant and partiality for...yes you guessed it, eggs. Both species are a good means of seed and nut dispersal, and therefore help the spread of trees and other plants.

But here is perhaps the most important point, whether you’re ‘for’ greys or not. Because of their extraordinary assertiveness over their smaller cousins, grey squirrels alone are the most familiar of all the mammal species in our towns and gardens. When we talk about the absolutely crucial need to educate, excite and inspire the next generation of naturalists and conservationists, we always show them garden wildlife and this is where the anthropomorphism of grey squirrels comes in. You or your children cannot call a dunnock or a wood pigeon cute, sweet, fluffy or funny and lively. But you can with squirrels.

If I could press the magical big red button to get rid of the little beggars (grey squirrels that is, not your children), I may well be tempted, but it would in some circles at least, be a genuine loss for many different reasons.



Here to Stay – by Ben Waddams

House prices falling back, report finds

HOUSE prices fell back in Shropshire from a record high in September, with the first month-on-month decrease in more than a year, according to latest figures.

And figures also reveal that over the last decade the county has had one of the slowest growths for house prices in the UK.

A fall of 0.2 per cent took the average UK property price for September to £188,374, edging down from the all-time peak of £189,306 recorded in August.

The monthly price decrease follows 16 months in a row of increases and ends the run of property prices across the country hitting fresh highs over the summer.

Nationwide Building Society revealed that year-on-year house price growth slowed to 9.4 per cent in September, from 11 per cent in August.

Despite the slowing pace of house price growth, every region across the UK recorded year-on-year house price gains, from 21 per cent in London to 4.3 per cent in the north of England.

In Shropshire prices rose four per cent to an average of £183,508 over the last three months – a slight slowdown from the five per cent hike in the previous quarter of the year.

The county also has one of the lowest rates of house price growth in the country over the last 10 years, up just eight per cent since 2004 – the same as in neighbouring north and west Wales. In Worcestershire it has risen 18 per cent, while in part of the south east it has risen 20 per cent-30 per cent and in some parts of London prices have doubled.

London house prices reached a new record high in September, at £401,072 on average, and now stand at 31 per cent above their 2007 pre-financial crisis peak in the capital.

Robert Gardner, nationwide’s chief economist, said “the outlook remains uncertain” in terms of the direction of the UK housing market generally for the rest of the year.

He said price growth may soften further and there have been “tentative signs” from estate agents that demand from potential buyers may be starting to cool. But, on the other hand, low interest rates, which are keeping borrowing cheap, and the strong labour market “suggest that underlying demand is likely to remain robust”, he said.

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October 11



Pointless Celebrities
5.40pm
Professor Alice Roberts and Dick Strawbridge, Eric Knowles and Mark Stacey, Nicky Clarke and Michael Douglas, and Martin Hughes-Games and Michaela Strachan compete in a charity version of the general knowledge quiz. With Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman.



QI XL
9pm
Extended edition. Question master Stephen Fry continues the comedy panel quiz's exploration of subjects beginning with the letter L. Irish actress, comedienne and writer Aisling Bea makes her debut appearance on the programme, joining fellow stand-ups Jason Manford and Johnny Vegas.



The Chase: Celebrity Special
6.30pm
Emmerdale actor Tony Audenshaw (Bob Hope), former gymnast Beth Tweddle, 2010 Strictly Come Dancing champion Kara Tointon and X Factor judge Louis Walsh compete to win thousands of pounds for charity by taking on one of the show's resident trivia experts.



Stars at Your Service
6.10pm
As part of the Stand Up to Cancer fundraising campaign, pop singer and Strictly Come Dancing contestant Pixie Lott, DJ and presenter Dave Berry and comedian Tim Vine offer to do whatever is required of them, all in the name of charity. Last in the series.



World War II in Colour
7.05pm
This edition focuses on Japan's early involvement in the war. On December 7, 1941, the course of the Second World War changed dramatically when Japanese planes swooped in for a surprise attack on the US naval base at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, which led to America's entry into the conflict.

BBC1

- 6.00 **Breakfast.**
9.45 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** James Martin is joined by chefs Madhur Jaffrey and Trine Hahnemann, and actor and director Noel Clarke is the guest in the studio facing either food heaven or food hell.
11.15 **Live Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix Qualifying.** Suzi Perry presents from the Sochi Autodrom (Start-time 12.00pm), as the grid positions are decided for the first Formula 1 race ever to take place in Russia.
1.30 **BBC News: Weather.**
1.40 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the forthcoming Euro 2016 qualifiers, including Estonia v England, Wales v Cyprus, Scotland v Georgia and Northern Ireland v Faroe Islands.
2.20 **Gymnastics: World Artistic Championships.** Ore Oduba is joined by Beth Tweddle to present action from the ninth and penultimate day at the Guangxi Gymnasium in Nanning, China, where five finals took place.
3.50 **The Great British Bake Off: The Final.** The three finalists battle it out, trying to master a classic pastry technique and serve up a mountain of perfect profiteroles good enough to win them the title. Last in the series. (R)
4.50 **Celebrity Mastermind.** With Hal Cruttenden, Clare Perkins, Sophie Hosking and Huw Stephens. (R)
5.20 **BBC News: Regional News: Weather.**
5.40 **Pointless Celebrities.** Professor Alice Roberts and Dick Strawbridge, Eric Knowles and Mark Stacey, Nicky Clarke and Michael Douglas, and Martin Hughes-Games and Michaela Strachan compete.
6.30 **Strictly Come Dancing.** Movie-themed edition, with guest judge Donny Osmond joining Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell to comment on the Hollywood-inspired routines. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.
8.35 **Doctor Who.** Frank Skinner guest stars as the Doctor takes a ride aboard a future version of the Orient Express – only to find a horrifying creature is stalking the passengers.
9.20 **Casualty.** As the team gathers for the funeral, Ash feels guilty about his colleague's death. Lofty treats an OCD sufferer and a new member of staff makes an impression on Noel.
10.10 **The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin reveals the numbers for the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
10.20 **BBC News: Weather.**
10.40 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Newlyweds Dermot and Maria argue over whether they should buy their own home, while Grandad hopes to witness his own funeral; (R) **National Lottery Update.**
11.10 **FILM: Armageddon (1998).** A drilling team transports a nuclear device into outer space to destroy an asteroid on a collision course with Earth. Sci-fi thriller, with Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler.
1.30 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.35 **BBC News.**

BBC2

- 7.15 **Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix Second Practice.** (R)
8.55 **Live Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix Third Practice.** The third and final practice session at the Sochi Autodrom.
10.15 **Map Man.** (R)
10.45 **South Africa Walks.** (R)
11.15 **Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook.** (R)
11.45 **The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo.** (R)
12.15 **Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes.** Seafood dishes in Majorca. (R)
1.15 **FILM: The Gay Divorcee (1934).** Musical comedy, starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.
2.55 **FILM: Top Hat (1935).** Musical, starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.
4.30 **Escape to the Continent.** People considering moving from Britain to Europe.
5.00 **The £100K House: Tricks of the Trade.** Transforming a dark and badly planned bungalow. (R)
6.00 **Restoring England's Heritage.** Selina Scott visits historic buildings in the East Midlands in desperate need of restoration and investigates whether they have a future. Postponed from Saturday 4th October.
6.30 **Gardeners' World.** Carol Klein helps first-time gardeners Dan and Dominique plant a range of fruit. (R)
7.00 **Flog It! Trade Secrets.** The team explores the shows's most popular modern collectibles, while presenter Paul Martin visits the Design Museum on London's South Bank.
7.30 **Penguins – Spy in the Huddle.** The second part of the documentary sees the chicks hatching and taking their first steps into the world – but as they soon discover, it can be a dangerous place. (R)
8.30 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring is accused of leaving a light burning in the church hall during a blackout, and receives a summons to appear in court. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)
9.00 **QI XL.** Extended edition. Jason Manford, Aisling Bea and Johnny Vegas join regular panellist Alan Davies as host Stephen Fry asks a range of questions on the interesting topic of location.
9.45 **FILM: The Gatekeepers (2012).** Premiere. Documentary in which six former heads of Shin Bet, the Israeli secret service, share their personal experiences of the life-and-death decisions they were forced to make.
11.20 **The Gatekeepers: Newsnight Debate.** Evan Davis presents a discussion on issues raised by Dror Moreh's documentary about Israeli secret service Shin Bet, which features interviews with six of the agency's former heads.
11.50 **FILM: Shine (1996).** Biopic of David Helfgott, the talented but fragile Australian pianist overwhelmed by the pressure of his father's obsession with success. With Geoffrey Rush.
1.30 **TOTP2.** (R)
2.30 **This is BBC2.**

ITV

- 6.00 **CITY:** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge 6.25 Pat & Stan 6.35 Pat & Stan 6.40 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 7.05 Animals 7.10 Animals 7.20 Om Nom Stories 7.25 Sooty 7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series 7.50 Matt Hatter Chronicles 8.20 Horrid Henry 8.30 The Munch Box
9.25 **ITV News.**
9.30 **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Strawbridge explore Coverack, Cornwall. (R)
10.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates two deaths at a vineyard. (R)
11.20 **ITV News and Weather: Weather.**
11.30 **Storage Hoarders.** A man whose clutter takes him back to his childhood. (R)
12.30 **The Unforgettable Hattie Jacques.** Tribute to the Carry On star. (R)
1.05 **Tipping Point.** Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
2.05 **The X Factor.** As the judges' houses stage concludes, the 24 acts pack their bags and prepare to head home, but for the 12 who have made it to the live shows, the competition has only just begun. (R)
3.10 **FILM: Jurassic Park (1993).** Genetically engineered dinosaurs escape from an eccentric tycoon's safari park and go on the rampage. Steven Spielberg's adventure, with Sam Neill, Laura Dern and Jeff Goldblum.
5.35 **ITV News Central: Weather.**
5.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.00 **New You've Been Framed!** A person resembling Steven Spielberg finds a cure for his constipation and a Clare Balding lookalike marries a horse. Surreal comedy from Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' clips.
6.30 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** With Emmerdale star Tony Audenshaw (Bob Hope), former gymnast Beth Tweddle, 2010 Strictly Come Dancing champion Kara Tointon and X Factor judge Louis Walsh. Bradley Walsh hosts.
7.30 **The X Factor.** The contestants take their chance to shine in the first live studio round, performing a selection of classic hits in a Number Ones-themed show, and the wildcards are revealed. The results are tomorrow at 8.15pm.
10.00 **Through the Keyhole.** Keith Lemon tours mystery homes and challenges panellists Des O'Connor, Dave Berry and Myleene Klass to guess the identities of the famous occupants. Last in the series.
11.00 **ITV News and Weather: Weather.**
11.15 **FILM: The Game (1997).** A selfish banker gets caught up in a complex psychological game, causing his life to unravel in explosive fashion. David Fincher's thriller, with Michael Douglas and Sean Penn.
1.30 **Jackpot247.**
3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences. (R)
3.45 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

- 6.05 **How I Met Your Mother.** (R)
6.30 **Trans World Sport.** Including competitive sheep-shearing action from New Zealand.
7.25 **The Grid.** Jensen Button prepares for the Formula One Russian Grand Prix.
7.55 **The Morning Line.** Emma Spencer presents a look ahead to this afternoon's racing at Newmarket.
9.00 **Weekend Kitchen.** With Tom Kitchen, Michel Roux Jr, Arabella Weir and Alex James.
10.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray and Debra take IQ tests. (R)
10.30 **Frasier.** The shrink resents his lack of privacy. (R)
11.00 **Frasier.** The Crane boys dine with Martin. (R)
11.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R)
11.55 **The Big Bang Theory.** One of Sheldon's favourite TV shows is cancelled. (R)
12.25 **The Simpsons.** Apu is threatened with deportation. (R)
12.55 **Gadget Man.** Richard Ayoade creates a gadget-filled bistro. (R)
1.30 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Newmarket and York.
4.05 **Come Dine with Me.** Perry Jones hosts the first dinner party in Hertfordshire. (R)
4.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Dentist Amit Koshal hosts the second dinner party in Hertfordshire. (R)
5.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Food enthusiast Kelly Hatt hosts the third dinner party in Hertfordshire. (R)
5.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Heath Reid hosts the final dinner party in Hertfordshire. (R)
6.10 **Stars at Your Service.** Pop singer Pixie Lott, DJ and presenter Dave Berry and comedian Tim Vine offer to do whatever is required of them, all in the name of charity. Last in the series.
7.05 **Channel 4 News.**
7.20 **Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money.** A couple plan to modernise their 1950s wreck in Altrincham, Greater Manchester, while a problematic project in Knebworth, Hertfordshire, puts the budget at risk. Last in the series. (R)
8.15 **Grand Designs.** Natasha Cargill wants to build a home shaped like two enormous periscopes in rural Norfolk, but she must adhere to strict planning constraints to ensure she can live there. (R)
9.20 **FILM: Hanna (2011).** A teenage girl trained by her father to be an assassin travels the world on a secret mission, pursued by the CIA. Action thriller, with Saoirse Ronan, Cate Blanchett and Eric Braeden.
11.30 **Rude Tube.** A top 50 countdown of animals, including a woman swimming with a great white shark, a mad Brazilian goat, a clothes-stealing orangutan and playful cats. (R)
12.35 **FILM: Gangster No 1 (2000).** Thriller, starring Malcolm McDowell.
2.20 **Homeland.** (R)
3.25 **Hollyoaks.**
5.35 **How I Met Your Mother.** (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig 6.05 Roary the Racing Car 6.15 Angelina Ballerina 6.30 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures 6.35 Seaside Antics 6.40 The Mr Men Show 6.55 Chloe's Closet 7.05 Olly the Little White Van 7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas 7.25 Make Way for Noddy 7.40 Paw Patrol 8.00 Little Princess 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky 8.30 Wanda and the Alien 8.45 Rupert Bear 9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 9.15 Jelly Jamm 9.30 LazyTown
10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** New series. Shredder teams up with the Kraang to receive a batch of mutagen.
10.35 **The Secret Life of Pets.** A look at how pets communicate with their owners and one another. (R)
11.00 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** Two former friends who fell out over a hedge dispute. (R)
12.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Paul and Steve call for police back-up at a flat in London's Docklands. (R)
1.00 **FILM: Vera Cruz (1954).** Western, starring Gary Cooper.
2.50 **FILM: The Magnificent Seven Ride! (1972).** Western sequel, starring Lee Van Cleef.
4.45 **5 News Weekend.**
4.50 **FILM: Operation Crossbow (1965).** Second World War adventure, starring George Peppard.
7.05 **World War II in Colour.** This edition focuses on Japan's early involvement in the war, including its attack on the US Navy at Pearl Harbour in December 1941, which led to America's entry into the conflict. (R)
8.00 **JFK's Secret Killer: The Evidence.** Documentary examining the events during and directly after the assassination of US president John F. Kennedy in November 1963, when he was shot and killed in Dealey Plaza, Dallas. (R)
9.00 **FILM: Hang 'Em High (1968).** A former lawman survives being hanged for a crime he did not commit, and sets out to take revenge on the men who left him for dead. Western, with Clint Eastwood and Inger Stevens. Part of the Clint Eastwood Season. Edited for content.
11.25 **FILM: 3:10 to Yuma (2007).** A rancher escorts a notorious outlaw on a dangerous journey to a station where a train will take the prisoner to jail. Western remake, starring Russell Crowe and Christian Bale.
1.30 **Super Casino.** Live interactive gaming.
3.10 **Benefit Brits by the Sea.** People living on state welfare in Great Yarmouth. (R)
4.00 **House Doctor.** A cluttered B&B on the Norfolk coast. (R)
4.25 **Make It Big.** The show gets off to a good start, until Josh realises some money raised by the raffle has gone missing. (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.15 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.20 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.30 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
5.40 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)
5.50 **Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

SUNDAY

October 12

**Antiques Roadshow**

8pm

Fiona Bruce and the team visit the Roundhouse, Derby, a vast former railway shed where dozens of trains were once serviced. Items brought in by the public include a pair of Clarice Cliff bookends won in a darts tournament and a silver christening cup with a surprising history.

**Sacred Rivers with Simon Reeve**

9pm

The adventurer travels along the Ganges to explore how India's booming economy has affected its religious culture, starting his journey at the source of the river in the foothills of the Himalayas and following it to where it empties out into the Bay of Bengal.

**Live International Football**

4.30pm

Estonia v England (Kick-off 5.00pm). Coverage of the Euro 2016 Group E qualifier from the A Le Coq Arena in Tallinn, where the sides play their third match of the campaign. Roy Hodgson's men continue their efforts to progress to the tournament in France with this potentially tricky tie away from home.

**Alan Carr Does Deal or No Deal**

6.30pm

The Dream Factory opens its doors to another star contestant as Alan Carr goes head to head with the Banker. Joined by friends and family including Melanie Sykes and Michael Underwood, the comedian and presenter tries to guess the values of the famous mystery boxes.

**Ultimate Police Interceptors**

12.25pm

In this edition, officers from Lincolnshire Police's specialist pursuit team discover a burgeoning cannabis farm and go on the trail of a motorist in a Beetle. Meanwhile, Jon Peacock gets more than he bargained for when he uncovers an unexploded bomb.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 Sunday Morning Live. Topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
- 11.00 Live Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix.** Suzi Perry presents coverage of the 16th round of the season from the Sochi Autodrom (Start-time 12.00pm), as the first ever Formula 1 race in the country takes place.
- 2.15 Sunday Politics.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
- 3.30 Strictly Navratri.** Former England cricketer Mark Ramprakash attempts to learn and perform the traditional Indian folk dances that are a key part of the Hindu religious festival of Navratri.
- 4.00 Points of View.** Jeremy Vine presents a selection of viewers' comments on BBC shows and behind-the-scenes reports on new programmes.
- 4.15 Songs of Praise.** Pam Rhodes visits Newcastle upon Tyne to explore the continuing significance of Saint Bede, the Geordie accent and the River Tyne itself.
- 4.50 The Great British Bake Off: Class of 2013.** Contestants from last year's series talk about their experiences of life inside the tent, and there is a look back at the golden moments during their time on the show.
- 5.50 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
6.20 Countryfile. John Craven explores the life and work of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Ellie Harrison presents music-based items from the Countess archive, including Weather for the Week Ahead.
- 7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** The two couples with the lowest scores dance again, their fates in the hands of Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell, and Donny Osmond performs.
- 8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** The team visits the Roundhouse, Derby, where items include Clarice Cliff bookends, a picture by a renowned British artist and a silver christening cup with a surprising history.
- 9.00 Our Girl.** As the unit prepares to withdraw from Afghanistan, the captain and Smurf both declare their feelings for Molly. But then the entire platoon is sent on one final, terrifying mission.
- 10.00 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.
10.30 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Sue Perkins chairs the quiz, with team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton joined by a couple of guest panellists to take a comic look back at recent news events.
- 11.10 FILM: The Recruit (2003).** A hacker is recruited into the CIA and is given a top-secret assignment to root out a mole within the agency's training programme. Thriller, starring Al Pacino and Colin Farrell.
- 1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.05 BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.00 Great British Garden Revival.** Topiary and roof gardens. (R)
- 7.00 Countryfile.** Different methods of harvesting across the country. (R)
- 8.00 Gardeners' World.** Carol Klein helps first-time gardeners Dan and Dominique plant a range of fruit. (R)
- 8.30 The Beechgrove Garden.** Jim McColl harvests fennel, celery and parsnips.
- 9.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Highlights of the series.
- 10.30 The Great British Bake Off Masterclass.** Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry give baking tutorials. (R)
- 11.30 The Great British Bake Off Masterclass.** Paul and Mary tackle challenges set during the bread and desserts weeks; (R) **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 12.35 FILM: Dances with Wolves (1990).** Oscar-winning Western, starring Kevin Costner.
- 3.25 Escape to the Continent.** A Nottinghamshire couple hoping to move to Austria.
- 3.55 Gymnastics: World Artistic Championships.** Day 10 from Nanning, China.
- 5.30 Rugby League: Super League Grand Final.** St Helens v Wigan Warriors.
- 6.30 Flog It! Trade Secrets.** The team examines quirky Victorian collectibles, with David Fletcher visiting Bedford to compare everyday life of the era with the design excesses of the upper orders.
- 7.00 Human Universe.** Professor Brian Cox explores the past, present and future of mankind, as well as the place and destiny of the human race, beginning by examining its origins. (R)
- 8.00 Wonders of the Monsoon.** The effect of the rainy season on wildlife in Asia, with floods forcing animals to flee from a national park in north-east India in search of the safety of the hills.
- 9.00 Sacred Rivers with Simon Reeve.** The adventurer travels along the Ganges from the foothills of the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal to explore how India's booming economy has affected its religious culture.
- 10.00 Mock the Week.** Rob Beckett, Ed Byrne, Milton Jones and Zoe Lyons join regular panellists Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons on the topical comedy quiz. Dara O Briain hosts. (R)
- 10.35 FILM: Kinky Boots (2005).** A man inherits a struggling shoe factory and finds salvation for his business in a drag artist's need for custom footwear. Comedy drama, starring Chiwetel Ejiofor and Joel Edgerton.
- 12.15 FILM: Stolen (2010).** Fact-based drama telling the story of the search for the kidnapped baby daughter of a New Zealand high-court judge and a prominent lawyer. Starring Miriama Smith and George Henare.
- 1.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** Different methods of harvesting across the country. (R)
- 2.35 Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
- 3.35 This is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

- 6.00 CITY:** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge **6.25 Pat & Stan** **6.35 Pat & Stan** **6.40 Dino Dan:** Trek's Adventures **6.50 Dino Dan:** Trek's Adventures **7.05 Canimals** **7.10 Canimals** **7.20 Om Nom Stories** **7.25 Sooty** **7.40 Mr Bean:** The Animated Series **7.50 Ultimate Spider-Man** **8.20 Horrid Henry** **8.30 Big Time Rush** **9.00 The Aquabats!** Super Show!
- 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal.** From the Kassam Stadium in Oxford. (R)
- 9.30 ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 10.30 FILM: Carry On Matron (1972).** Comedy, starring Sid James.
- 10.45 The X Factor.** The contestants sing number ones in the first live studio round. (R)
- 3.00 Downton Abbey.** Violet tries to stop Mary's secret assignment being exposed. (R)
- 4.00 ITV News Central;** Weather.
- 4.15 ITV News and Weather.**
- 4.30 Live International Football.** Estonia v England (Kick-off 5.00pm). Coverage of the Euro 2016 Group E qualifier from the A Le Coq Arena in Tallinn, where the sides play their third match of the campaign.
- 7.15 Sunday Night at the Palladium.** Bradley Walsh hosts the variety show, introducing performances by Art Garfunkel, Jimmy Tarbuck, Sarah Millican, Jimeoin, Diversity, the Pierces and classical comedy trio So!s Mio.
- 8.15 The X Factor Results.** Dermot O'Leary presents the first live results show, including at least one elimination from the latest pack of hopefuls. Plus, a performance by Pharrell Williams.
- 9.15 Downton Abbey.** Sarah continues her one-woman war against the Crawleys – only to push them too far. Thomas is struck down with a mystery illness, and Violet tells Isobel the truth about her past.
- 10.20 ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 10.35 International Football Highlights.** Estonia v England. Action from the Euro 2016 Group E qualifier at the A Le Coq Arena in Tallinn, where the sides played their third match of the campaign.
- 11.35 Premiership Rugby Union.** Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures, which included Leicester Tigers v Harlequins, Saracens v Gloucester and Wasps v Bath.
- 12.35 The Store.** Home shopping.
- 2.35 Motorsport UK.** Highlights of the Formula Ford Championship and the Renault UK Clio Cup from Rockingham. Commentary by Richard John Neil.
- 3.25 British Superbike Championship Highlights.** Action from both races in the 11th and penultimate round of the season from Silverstone, which was also the second meeting of The Showdown part of the campaign.
- 4.15 ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
- 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.00 NFL: The American Football Show.** Highlights from the fifth week of the NFL campaign. (R)
- 7.00 Cardiff Half Marathon.** Action from the 2014 staging of the annual event.
- 7.55 FIM Superbike World Championship.** Highlights of both races at the Circuit de Nevers Magny-Cours in France.
- 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra becomes jealous of a waitress. (R)
- 9.00 Frasier.** A journalist criticises Frasier in his column. (R)
- 9.30 Sunday Brunch.** Tim Lovejoy and Simon Rimmer are joined by Christian Jessen, who talks about Channel 4's Stand Up to Cancer event, and Kellie Shirley discusses her role in the play Great Britain.
- 12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** The architect prepares to unveil his multi-functional tree house. (R)
- 1.35 Deal or No Deal.** Beat-the-banker game show.
- 2.40 The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard and Sheldon hire a former TV host to entertain them. (R)
- 3.10 The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon and Amy's relationship takes an unexpected turn. (R)
- 3.40 The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard is offered a job opportunity. (R)
- 4.10 FILM: A Monster in Paris (2011).** Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Vanessa Paradis.
- 6.00 Channel 4 News.**
- 6.30 Alan Carr Does Deal or No Deal.** The comedian takes on the Banker and tries to guess the values of the famous mystery boxes for a chance to win £250,000 for charity. Hosted by Noel Edmonds.
- 7.30 Guy Martin's Spitfire.** Guy Martin joins a two-year project to rebuild a Spitfire which was shot down over northern France in 1940 and was finally recovered in the 1980s.
- 9.00 Homeland.** New series. Carrie is back in the Middle East, working as the Chief of Station in Kabul, where she faces a critical decision after receiving intelligence about a prominent target.
- 10.05 FILM: Law Abiding Citizen (2009).** A district attorney is stalked by a vigilante who wants revenge on the justice system for failing to punish his family's killers. Thriller, with Gerard Butler and Jamie Foxx.
- 12.10 Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** The host is joined by actor Hugh Grant, TV presenters Davina McCall and Christian Jessen and comedian Noel Fielding. Plus, Ariana Grande performs her latest single Break Free. (R)
- 1.05 American Football Live.** Philadelphia Eagles v New York Giants (Kick-off 1.30am). Coverage of the week six fixture from Lincoln Financial Field, where the NFC East rivals face each other.
- 5.05 FIM Superbike World Championship.** Highlights of both races at the Circuit de Nevers Magny-Cours in France, where the 11th and penultimate round of the season took place. (R)
- 5.35 Countdown.** (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05 Roary the Racing Car** **6.15 Angelina Ballerina** **6.30 Seaside Antics** **6.35 The Mr Men Show** **6.50 Chloe's Closet** **7.00 Olly the Little White Van** **7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas** **7.25 Make Way for Noddy** **7.40 Paw Patrol** **8.00 Little Princess** **8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky** **8.30 Wanda and the Alien** **8.45 Rupert Bear** **9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom** **9.15 Jelly Jamm** **9.30 LazyTown**
- 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The quartet face an army of robot foot-soldiers.
- 10.25 Access.** Showbiz news and gossip. (R)
- 10.30 Police Interceptors.** A monster-truck driver tries to give officers the slip. (R)
- 11.25 Police Interceptors.** The air ambulance is scrambled when a school bus crashes on a country road. (R)
- 12.25 Ultimate Police Interceptors.** Jon Peacock uncovers an unexploded bomb. (R)
- 1.20 FILM: Daddy Day Camp (2007).** Comedy sequel, starring Cuba Gooding Jr.
- 3.00 FILM: Along Came Polly (2004).** Romantic comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston.
- 4.40 FILM: Tarzan (1999).** Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Tony Goldwyn.
- 6.20 5 News Weekend.**
- 6.25 FILM: Spider-Man 3 (2007).** An alien parasite causes the web-slinging crimefighter's dark side to surface as he seeks revenge on his uncle's killer. Superhero sequel, with Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst. Edited for violence and flashing images.
- 9.00 Gotham: Exclusive Preview.** A look ahead to the crime thriller based on characters from the Batman comics that starts on 5 tomorrow night and follows Jim Gordon's rise from rookie detective to commissioner. (R)
- 9.05 FILM: 2012 (2009).** As the human race faces extinction in a global cataclysm, a writer tries to get his family to the last safe refuge. Disaster movie, starring John Cusack and Chiwetel Ejiofor.
- 12.05 FILM: Alien Hunter (2003).** Sci-fi thriller, starring James Spader.
- 1.35 SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.10 The Gadget Show.** Jon and Jason take on Oris and Army in a four-part challenge. (R)
- 4.00 House Doctor.** A cluttered home in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. (R)
- 4.25 Make It Big.** Things are not going to plan for Graham. (R)
- 4.50 Make It Big.** The youngsters organise a charity auction. (R)
- 5.15 Angels of Jarm.** The children make cards. (R)
- 5.20 Angels of Jarm.** Faith tries to pull a big box. (R)
- 5.30 Angels of Jarm.** (R)
- 5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** Roary has an argument with Cicci. (R)
- 5.50 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

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Extra-time
blow sees
Morda bow
out of cup

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DESPITE twice being ahead, Morda United made an early exit in the Shropshire FA Challenge Cup after falling to a 3-2 first round defeat at Spalaig Brittainia.

Kyle Wilson twice found the net for the Weston Road side, but they were unable to shake off their hosts who snatched a late winner in extra-time to prevent this tie going to penalties.

Goals from Clive Todd and Kris Jones cancelled out Wilson's efforts yet, despite not being at their best, Morda had opportunities to secure the game in extra time.

However, they were unable to take their chances before Spalaig secured a place in the next round courtesy of a winner from James Shaw one minute before the end.

Morda had a swift change to return to winning ways last night (Wednesday) when they made the short journey to face Guilsfield reserves in the Village Cup under floodlights..

Colin Turner's side have another short trip on Saturday when they return to JT Hughes Montgomeryshire league division two action away at Four Crosses Reserves (2.30pm).

These sides should be well matched, having shared the points in a goalless draw in the reverse fixture at Morda a few weeks ago.

There were early exits in the Shropshire Challenge Cup for Gobowen Celtic, who lost 7-4 at Donnington, and St Martins Village, edged out 4-3 at home to Bishop's Castle Town.

However, Llyncllys progressed with a penalty shootout win over Whitchurch Alport reserves after the tie had finished 2-2.

■ The draw for the second round of the Central Wales Cup, scheduled to be played on Saturday, November 1, sees the following ties:

Abermule v Llandysul, Bont v Dyfnryn Banw, Builth Wells v Penparcau, Churchstoke v Llanyfyllid, Hay St Marys v Forden United, Kerry v Penybont, Newbridge v Cardigan Town, New Quay v Borth United, Presteigne v Llanyfyllid, Trefegon v Llanilar.

Besides to round three: Caerswg, Guilsfield, Llandrindod Wells, Llanidloes Town, Rhayader Town, Aberaron, Aberystwyth University, Berriew, Bow Street, Carno, Four Crosses, Llanfair United, Llanrhaeadr, Llanstffraid Village, Machynlleth, Montgomery.

Harry hits
hat-trick in
U15s' win

A QUICKFIRE hat-trick from Harry Garthwaite saw Llanyfyllid under-15s march on in the Shropshire Junior Cup with a 4-3 extra-time victory at Shrewsbury Juniors.

The player of the match fired his treble in the space of 15 minutes to put Llany in charge at the break, but Shrewsbury hit back to take the game into extra time. However, a chipped goal from Byron Edwards earned the visitors a place in the next round.

Llanyfyllid under-16s went out 4-0 at Up & Comer Hawks despite a man of the match display from Tom Evans at the heart of the defence. Alex Hall also had a penalty saved.

Elsewhere, Llany under-12s progressed into the next round of their cup after a hard fought 1-0 win over Bayston Hill thanks to a goal from man-of-the-match Kyle Kynaston.

Llanyfyllid under-eights saw off Whitchurch Alport 2-1 but the under-13s went out 4-1 to Meole Brace.



Goal coming up - Shin Miah lashes home the first for Oswestry Town. Pic:

Top boss Parry helps steer
Guilsfield to Welsh Cup win

MANAGER of the month Mike Parry celebrated his award in the best possible manner as Guilsfield booked their ticket for the second round of the Welsh Cup with a 3-1 home passage against Penycyae.

In only his second month in charge, Parry scooped the September award in the Cymru Alliance, and would have been happy as the Guils navigated a potentially tricky tie with goals from Rhydian Morris, James Henderson and top scorer Danny Barton, who sealed victory with a late penalty.

Morris gave the home side the ideal start on 12 minutes when left unmarked to head in after a long throw from Chris Cathrall had caught out the Penycyae defence.

Henderson then doubled the lead on 32 minutes when tapping in from six yards following a corner to put Guilsfield in charge at the break.

Penycyae came back in the second period, and set up a tense finish when former Guilsfield player Ryan Jones came on as substitute to pull one back 13 minutes from time.

But Barton ensured a home win against their Cymru Alliance rivals when converting a penalty on 87 minutes to give his side some breathing space after Nathan Leonard had been pushed in the box.

Challenge

The one downer was the late dismissal of Andy Ford who somewhat harshly received a straight red card for a clumsy challenge.

LLANFAIR UNITED were made to battle all the way before sealing a 3-2 extra time win at Penrhdyndraeth, James Davies' second goal of the game clinching the victory.

After a goalless first half, Davies gave Llanfair the lead before the Gwynedd hosts hit back to lead 2-1 and leave their visitors facing a real fight.

However, Rhys Stephens' side showed their worth as Rich Ainsley's cross-shot

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

levelled matters before Davies scored the decisive goal three minutes into extra time when chipping the keeper after chesting down a terrific 40-yard pass from Ross Frame.

The home side had their chances, but were denied by some fine saves from Llanfair keeper Lee Andrew in a real thriller.

WELSHPOOL'S hopes of an upset were extinguished as they fell to a 4-0 exit at Cymru Alliance side Mold Alex, but there was better news for neighbours WATERLOO ROVERS as goals from Ricky Litchfield and Charlie Proctor earned a 2-1 home verdict against Llanuwchllyn.

Matty Evans bagged a brace, one from the penalty spot, as LLANRHAEDR overcame GLAN CONWY 4-2 to put themselves into the second round draw.

Elsewhere, Llanidloes Town swept aside Garswain 4-0, but had to wait until the second half to find the net through Stuart Buckley-Robbins, Jamie Breese, Gareth Mansell and Tom Sparey.

Carno succumbed to Cymru Alliance opposition when being edged out 1-0 at home

to Rhayader Town, while Llandrindod Wells could count themselves unfortunate to go out 3-2 following extra time against Llangollen, Richie Powell and Rob Nicholls finding the net for the Spa men.

John Owen's 57th minute goal proved enough to take Caerswg into the second round after overcoming Llandudno 1-0 at the Recreation Ground.

The Bluebirds could take heart from an improved defensive showing, while creating enough chances to have run out more convincing winners, with goalscorer Owen missing several opportunities.

But he made no mistake when slotting in Lance Jones' cross to take the home side into the second round, and gain revenge for a couple of defeats earlier in the season.

Penrhyncoch pulled off an upset with a 2-1 extra time win over Cymru Alliance visitors Flint Town United, Ed Powl-Jones getting the decisive goal from 20 yards after Josh Shaw had notched the first. Stewart Carroll was on the mark to give Flint the lead on the half hour.

New boss Jones off
to a flier at Berriew

DAVE Jones' first game in charge at Berriew saw his side end their winless streak in the Spar Mid Wales League division one courtesy of a 3-2 verdict at Montgomery.

The former Welshpool manager, who was No 2 with the Rhiwsiders, has now taken over from boss Mike Pearce who remains with the club as coach.

And it was an encouraging start for Jones, as his side gained their first win at the eighth attempt despite a string of missed chances. Berriew are now up to 12th, while Monty have slipped to third from bottom.

A penalty from Mark Jones gave the Rhiwsiders the lead, and Glenn Donaldson made it 2-0 when heading in a right wing cross from Christian Webster.

Tom Evans pulled one back before half time, and Graham Hamer levelled after the interval as the visitors looked set to pay for their missed chances.

However, they were not to be denied when sealing the points 15 minutes from

time when Karl Seliearts slotted in another cross from the right by Webster.

LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE were 2-1 winners at Machynlleth to move up to third place, taking advantage of the fact several sides were involved in the Welsh Cup, while mid-table FOUR CROSSES saw off basement side Tywyn Bryncrug 3-2.

Aberystwyth University's season got underway with a 4-3 home loss to second placed Rhosgoch despite leading 3-1 with 20 minutes to go through Matthew Hunton, and own goal and Daniel Pugh. Rhosgoch are now just two points behind leaders Llanfair United.

DYFFRYN BANW maintained their revival in division two with a 2-0 success at Bont to move up to sixth, while Churchstoke kept the pressure on the leaders Hay St Mary's with a 3-1 home success against Borth United.

Abermule lost ground on the leading pack after they slumped 4-0 at Builth Wells in the day's other action.

Town in cup quarters

IN-FORM Oswestry Town progressed into the last eight of the Mercian Regional League Premier Division Cup with an ultimately comfortable 4-0 passage at Wroxeter Rovers, writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.

Two second half goals from Graham Dyke set up the win, which stretched Town's unbeaten run to five games, comprising four victories and a draw.

There was little between the rivals in an even start, with the first chance falling to the home side who hit the woodwork from a corner, while Town almost broke the deadlock but striker Paul Bache missed the target from close range.

However, the visitors were soon ahead when Callum Williams set up Shin Miah to fire home for a well taken

goal, his strike separating the sides at the interval.

The second half saw Town take control of the tie, and they soon doubled the lead with Paul Bache setting up Graham Dyke for a fantastic finish.

Soon after it was Dyke again who headed home from a Williams cross and the scoring was rounded off when Dyke turned provider for Williams to finish well at the front post.

Town will now look extend their five match unbeaten run when they return to the league on Saturday with a trip to Yockings Park to take on Whitchurch Alport (3pm).

WESTON RHYN, without a point in the league, also found little cheer in the cup after suffering a 4-1 first round exit at home to Prees.

Saints go Wilde after late winner



Mike Wilde celebrates New Saints' stoppage time winner. Pics: Andrew Lincoln.



Paul Harrison and Matty Williams try to prevent the ball crossing the line

Dramatic win at Airbus

Airbus UK 2 The New Saints 3

MIKE Wilde's last-gasp strike took The New Saints five points clear at the top of the Welsh Premier with a hard-fought and contentious 3-2 victory at one of their chief rivals Airbus UK.

In a game of several controversial decisions by referee Dean John and his assistants, Wilde followed-up to tap home from close range three minutes into injury time after keeper James Coates had parried a left-wing cross.

The hosts claimed the ball had not crossed the line and Airbus wingman Ryan Wade was red-carded for his complaints.

But there had also been an element of doubt about Ian Kearney's 57th-minute headed equaliser for the Wingsmakers which also appeared not to have crossed

the whitewash.

The Saints had taken an 18th-minute lead through Adrian Cieslewicz, but Airbus levelled two minutes later when Matty McGinn converted from the penalty spot after a push on Chris Budrys.

McGinn spurned a chance to put the home side in front when his spot kick was saved by Saints keeper Paul Harrison after a handball offence in the box by Connell Rawlinson.

And Airbus paid for the miss when a breakaway moved ended with Wilde rounding Coates to put the ball into an empty net on 33 minutes.

Airbus levelled through Kearney's controversial reply, and looked set for a point until Wilde's late winner left the Wingsmakers stunned while extending the Saints' unbeaten start to the campaign.

Bailey bags
four as St
Martins go
goal crazy

GOAL happy St Martins moved up to sixth place in the West Midlands League division one after hammering Bustleholme 8-0 at Park Hall.

Karl Bailey led the charge with four of the goals, and also had a penalty saved, as the Saints swept aside their visitors, but Ryan Butcher's side are certain to face a tougher assignment on Saturday when they visit top of the league Worcester Raiders.

It took just two minutes for the home side to take the lead when captain and centre half Harry Murphy fired in following a goalmouth scramble after Bustleholme had failed to clear.

They doubled the advantage on 11 minutes when Shawn Melusi released Bailey to run through and round keeper Sam Slater, who produced several fine saves throughout to prevent an even bigger margin of victory.

Melusi then played his part in a third goal on 20 minutes when finding Dan Graham who turned on the edge of the box before firing his shot into the net, and it was 4-0 on 35 minutes as good interplay saw Bailey pass to Sam Litchfield who weaved his way through the defence to score.

Just a minute into the second period, Bailey increased the lead with a penalty after Graham had been brought down, and Bailey completed his hat-trick from another Melusi through ball.

Steve Fugh's long ball upfield found Bailey who cut inside the defence before firing his fourth of the game, and his side's seventh goal.

The same player should have added to his tally but saw a second penalty saved by Slater after Melusi was brought down, but Melusi deservedly had the last word when his efforts were rewarded with his side's eighth goal after good work by Jamie Hands.

PLACINGS

Spar Mid Wales League

DIVISION 1										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts		
Llanfair Utd	8	6	2	0	29	14	15	20		
Rhosgoch	8	6	0	2	20	13	18			
Bow Street	8	3	1	6	11	14	13			
Llanstffraid	9	2	3	13	13	14				
Carno	7	4	1	2	16	11	13			
Machynlleth	8	4	1	3	15	16	13			
Penrhyncoch	7	3	1	18	12					
Welshpool	7	3	1	16	12	12				
Four Crosses	7	3	2	2	15	13	11			
Llanrhaeadr	7	3	1	3	17	17	10			
Waterloo	7	2	1	15	21					
Berriew	8	1	6	10	17	4				
Aberaron	7	1	1	5	11	20	4			
Montgomery	6	0	4	5	10					
Aber Utd	1	0	1	4	0					
Tywyn/Bryncrug	7	0	7	13	30	0				

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Hay St Marys	7	0	0	31	12	21		
Churchstoke	9	6	1	2	27	15		
Bont	8	5	0	3	24	17	15	
Abermule	10	5	0	3	23	25	15	
Builth Wells	3	4	3	28	18	13		
Dyfnryn Banw	8	4	1	3	20	17	13	
Kerry	8	4	0	3	24	17	12	
Knights	4	3	0	1	19	7	9	
Borth Utd	6	3	0	3	22	21	9	
Talgarth	9	3	0	6	15	35	9	
Nbridge-on-Wye	8	2	0	6	16	26	6	
Presteigne	6	1	4	13	23	4		
Penybont	9	1	0	8	19	36	3	

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Llandudno	8	6	1	27	6	21	19
Portliddard	8	5	1	19	8	13	16
Flint Town	5	3	1	11	11	18	
Caernarfon	7	4	1	22	7	15	14
Guilsfield	8	4	2	23	12	11	14
Rhayader	7	4	1	18	9	14	
Caerswg	8	4	2	22	16	11	
Buckley Town	8	4	2	17	14	3	14
Penycyae	8	4	2	17	17	0	14
Denbigh Town	8	4	2	13	17	4	
Conwy Borough	8	4	1	18	11	7	
H'head Hotspr...	7	3	3	11	10	1	12
Llanidloes Town	8	1	11	24	43	-4	
Rhydyfrynog	8	1	7	8	37	-29	
Mold Alex	8	0	6	10	22	-12	2
L'rnidloes Wells	8	0	5	37	32	-0	

Mercian Football League

DIVISION 2										
	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts				
Highley MW	7	0	0	0	25	21				
Shifnal Harriers	9	5	3	1	25	18				
Stoke Heath	6	5	0	1	20	15				
Belvidere	8	1	1	2	15	15				
Gibsonville Celtic	7	3	1	2	41	13				
AFC Rotherham	7	3	3	1	15	12				
Albrighton Jrs FC	8	3	2	3	2	12				
Riverside	7	2	2	3	10	8				
Spalaig Brittainia	7	3	2	3	-4	8				
Dawley Town	3	2	0	1	10	6				
St Martins Village	7	2	2	4	-14	5				
Redditch Alb Res	8	1	1	6	-4	4				
Llyncllys	6	0	1	5	-25	1				
Denso	9	0	0	9	-105	0				

PLACINGS

■ Final tables after any point deductions/adjustments made by the league.

Shropshire County Cricket League Premier Division									
	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts			
Worfield.....	22	18	0	2	2	2440			
Reman Serv.....	22	14	3	3	2	2398			
Ludlow & SS.....	22	13	1	3	3	2360			
Wern.....	22	12	0	6	2	2357			
St Georges.....	22	8	4	5	3	2310			
Bomere Heath.....	22	10	1	7	4	2298			
Frankton.....	22	5	3	10	2	2218			
Cound.....	22	5	3	9	5	2213			
Wroxeter Grove.....	22	6	4	9	3	2199			
Albrighton.....	22	3	3	15	4	2144			
Newtown.....	22	2	2	14	4	2141			
Allscott.....	22	2	1	15	4	2117			

Division 1									
	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts			
Madeley.....	22	16	1	1	1	3413			
Brosley.....	22	14	1	2	5	3375			
Shelton.....	22	11	2	6	3	3332			
Albury.....	22	11	1	6	4	3313			
Market Drayton.....	22	12	2	4	4	3300			
Lliffeshall.....	22	7	2	9	4	2422			
Forton.....	22	5	3	10	4	2215			
Knockin & Kinn.....	22	4	2	12	4	2215			
Pontesbury.....	22	5	3	11	2	2204			
Welshpool.....	22	4	4	10	4	2170			
Montgomery.....	22	4	2	11	5	2169			
Much Wenlock.....	22	2	0	13	7	2158			

Division 2									
	P	W	D	L	C/A	Pts			
Tibberton.....	22	11	3	3	3	21365			
Beacons.....	22	11	2	5	5	18357			
Conderover.....	22	10	5	6	1	18322			
Witley.....	22	8	3	5	5	1298			
Ellesmere.....	22	9	2	8	3	1277			
Wellington III.....	22	8	3	7	7	14260			
Shrewsbury III.....	22	6	3	7	7	1259			
Cae Glas.....	22	7	6	5	5	1244			
Bishops Castle.....	22	6	4	5	5	1229			
Iscoyd & FB.....	22	3	12	2	1	1189			
Corvedale.....	22	4	1	13	1	1182			
Shifnal III.....	22	2	6	11	1	1138			

Division 3									
	P	W	D	L	Pen	Pts			
Prees.....	22	9	5	0	0	2340			
Church Stretton.....	22	11	4	3	0	23340			
Wheaton Aston.....	22	9	4	2	0	21308			
Oswestry III.....	22	10	5	6	2	2098			
Chelmarsh.....	22	8	3	5	0	2062			
Church Aston.....	22	6	3	6	2	2242			
Wroxeter Grove III.....	22	7	2	9	2	2210			
Llanidloes.....	22	4	4	8	5	196			
Calverhall.....	22	4	4	11	5	15194			
Newport III.....	22	4	3	13	1	13175			
St Georges II.....	22	3	9	6	0	1171			
Acton Reynald.....	22	6	7	7	0	10169			

Division 4									
	P	W	D	L	Pen	Pts			
Harpers.....	22	11	2	4	0	10354			
Ludlow & SS III.....	22	11	2	2	0	10345			
Overtown-on-Dee.....	22	10	3	2	0	10338			
Trysil & Seisdon.....	22	10	3	4	0	10335			
Harcourt.....	22	10	2	7	0	10282			
Hodnet & Penllyn.....	22	7	10	0	0	10242			
Gulffield.....	22	7	2	9	0	10219			
Hinstock.....	22	4	8	5	0	12210			
Coton Hall.....	22	5	1	10	0	15195			
Whittington.....	22	5	3	9	0	10181			
Bridgnorth III.....	22	2	4	9	0	4163			
Quayside.....	22	2	3	13	0	12143			

Division 5A									
	P	W	D	L	Pen	Pts			
Wellington V.....	22	12	1	4	0	9395			
Worfield II.....	22	8	4	5	0	25329			
Whitchurch III.....	22	11	1	8	0	9310			
Bomere Heath II.....	22	10	3	6	0	1292			
Albury II.....	22	9	1	8	0	23292			
Reman Services III.....	22	7	6	7	0	4270			
Cound III.....	22	7	2	7	0	2059			
Frankton II.....	22	9	2	9	0	8257			
Knockin & Kinn II.....	22	6	2	10	0	5234			
Wern II.....	22	4	4	10	0	1216			
Madeley II.....	22	5	3	12	0	3203			
Welshpool II.....	22	6	4	6	0	34202			

Division 5									
	P	W	D	L	Pen	Pts			
Wroxeter Grove IV.....	20	14	2	0	0	111861			
Quatt III.....	20	12	3	20	0	17113			
St Georges IV.....	21	10	6	15	0	1435			
Beacon III.....	21	7	10	0	0	10379			
Wellington VI.....	19	6	9	02	12	73			
Allscott II.....	21	6	8	20	12	53			
Lliffeshall II.....	19	4	10	10	11	63			
Pontesbury II.....	19	4	4	12	0	1076			
Corvedale II.....	22	5	10	20	10	33			
Llanidloes II.....	19	4	9	1	0	1078			
Acton Reynald II.....	19	4	10	0	15	76			
Shrewsbury IV.....	19	3	12	3	26	22			

Reserve Division 1									
	P	W	D	L	Pen	Pts			
Reman Serv II.....	22	13	1	3	0	13381			
Worfield I.....	22	12	0	5	0	8330			
Ludlow & SS II.....	22	8	3	7	0	13314			
St Georges I.....	22	2	1	19	0	303			
Wern I.....	22	8	4	4	0	14266			
Frankton I.....	22	6	4	7	0	5253			
Cound I.....	22	6	5	7	0	1249			
Wellington IV.....	22	5	3	8	0	15233			
Madeley I.....	22	5	3	8	0	18232			
Albury I.....	22	3	7	8	0	18198			
Wroxeter Grove I.....	22	2	9	6	1	177			
Lliffeshall I.....	22	4	2	11	0	145			

Reserve Division 2									
	P	W	D	L	Pen	Pts			
Bomere Heath I.....	22	14	2	2	0	1352			
Beacon II.....	22	12	1	4	0	1349			
Welshpool I.....	22	9	2	4	0	4307			
Conderover II.....	22	8	3	5	0	2241			
Pontesbury I.....	22	6	1	11	22	29			
Witley II.....	22	6	1	9	1	1229			
Cae Glas II.....	22	6	4	7	0	2226			
Knockin & Kinn I.....	22	8	2	8	0	4219			
Allscott I.....	22	6	4	7	0	10217			
Market Drayton II.....	22	6	1	11	0	205			
Montgomery II.....	22	3	5	9	0	2203			
Newtown II.....	22	2	14	0	1	127			

Reserve Division 3									
	P	W	D	L	Pen	Pts			
Shelton II.....	22	13	1	3	0	1388			
Forton II.....	22	8	3	4	0	1313			
Tibberton II.....	22	8	7	4	0	2259			
Bishops Castle II.....	22	7	5	7	0	2252			
Shifnal II.....	22	6	3	8	0	1234			
Brosley II.....	22	5	1	7	0	2229			
Oswestry II.....	22	7	4	0	2225				
Ellesmere II.....	22	5	1	7	0	2219			
Iscoyd & FB II.....	22	7	4	7	0	2219			
Albrighton II.....	22	6	2	9	0	2217			
Ludlow & SS IV.....	22	5	6	8	0	2209			
Much Wenlock II.....	22	2	3	12	0	1146			

Eagles dig in for gritty victory at Orrell



Oswestry go on the attack at Orrell. Picture: Martin Ord.

BATTLING Oswestry were made to fight all the way before sealing a hard-fought 18-11 win at Orrell to stay in sight of the leading pack in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two, writes **JOHN BRIDGWATER**.

Looking to make amends for their heavy loss at Dukinfield in their first away game, the Eagles knew they were in for a stern test as Orrell, despite their poor start to the season, showed they would give no quarter in the early stages.

They pressed the visitors back from the kick-off, but the defence line stood up to their attack before conceding a doubtful penalty to go three points down.

The fired-up Eagles were soon back on terms with a penalty from James Anderson, before a mistake from the hosts saw the pacy Jack Fox cross for a try with some magical footwork, Anderson failing to convert in the wind for an 8-3 lead.

Spurred on by their many support-

ers, the strong Orrell pack started to gain some advantage with the visitors losing Rich Owen through injury, but the resolute Tom Thorpe took control and pushed the pack to gain advantage.

Despite many penalties awarded to both teams, the high winds thwarted any further score before the Eagles conceded a penalty close to the posts, which the home side duly accepted to reduce the arrears to trail 8-6 at the break.

After advice from coach Gaz Barrett and captain Andy Smith at half time, Oswestry were on the front foot early in the second period as good kicking from fly half Hamish Fuller put the forwards in Orrell territory.

The backs then started to get quick ball from the ruck and this led to Tom Keaveny breaking through the Orrell defence to score a try. Luca Owen-Yuons converted after taking over the kicking duties from Anderson who was forced off through a head injury.

But Orrell hit back, being met by some stubborn defence before finding a way through for an unconverted try to reduce the arrears to 15-11.

With the game in the balance, Oswestry had to fight hard with changes in the pack seeing Rich Mcfie come on for Dave Jones in his first match for the first team.

The game flowed from one end to the other, both sides sensing a victory, but the visitors extended their lead when Owen-Yuons kicked a much needed penalty in the swirling wind.

The Eagles had to dig deep in the last 10 minutes with Orrell refusing to surrender, but held firm for a much needed away win.

Oswestry II are down to ninth in the Freshnet North West division four (south) after their 24-12 defeat at Eagle II. They bid to get back on track at Mapple II on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the club's Colts produced a fine display to record a 41-5 victory over Old Aldwinians.

COBRA not too down after mauling at league leaders

COBRA got in a tangle as they suffered a 51-0 mauling at unbeaten high fliers Nant Conwy to remain in the lower reaches of rugby's Swalec League division one (north).

It was a tough afternoon for the Meifod side who now face a crunch home clash with struggling table-proppers Bro Ffestiniog on Saturday as they chase a much-needed win.

Despite the score, COBRA fronted up well to the league leaders, but found the home side's crisp passing and incisive running top much to handle as they conceded four tries in each half.

The visitors had a couple of penalty opportunities which Llew Williams put narrowly wide, while they got close to the home line on a couple of occasions.

But they were unable to put any concerted pressure on their hosts, who themselves were exceptionally clinical with their support play on the day, although a try in the last play of each half made the scoreline harsh on the Llanfair Caereinion side.

"We battled well up front, but they were very clinical in their play," said coach James Watkin. "From what I've seen, I'd be surprised if there is a better team in this division, but we have to take this defeat on the chin and move on."

COBRA were never really in contention, trailing 26-0 at half time, with Nant Conwy claiming the bonus points on offer with eight touchdowns, four conversions and a penalty.

WELSHPOOL were also well beaten, slipping to a 38-7 loss at Bangor to keep them in the lower regions of division three (north).

Having given Wrexham a

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run for their money in the North Wales Intermediate Cup the week before, Pool had high hopes of another creditable display on the coast.

But they failed to deliver, despite a try from centre Tom Davies following Sam Ward's break which reduced to arrears to 12-7 at one stage. Andrew Thomas kicked the conversion.

Next up is a home encounter with Rhos on Saturday, with their visitors also finding the going tough after their 43-12 battering against Flint last weekend.

Welshpool's youngsters succumbed 38-0 at Abergele in the NE Counties League, but their performance was far better than the scoreline suggests.

The visitors were 0-0 for most of the first half before the hosts bagged a converted score right on the interval and added another try just after the break to lead 12-0.

Pool battled hard, but with injuries mounting up, they were forced to finish

the game with a player short as Abergele took full advantage.

Llanidloes continue to fly high at the top of the Swalec League division three (north) after reeling off their fourth straight win with a 27-8 verdict at Holyhead.

Despite returning with a bonus point, it proved a frustrating affair for Llani who, after crossing for four early tries, got sucked into a stalemate in the second half.

However, they still did enough to return with the spoils that sees them lead the table by five points from second placed Llanguellon who visit Cae Hafren Stadium in an early season showdown on Saturday.

Making their longest trip of the season to Anglesey, Llani scored four first half tries through second rows Sam Cannon and Dave Pugh, centre and captain Paul Johu and

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Table-topping New Saints are taking nothing for granted

JUST a couple of months in, and the Welsh Premier table is already taking a familiar shape with The New Saints surging ahead in pursuit of a fourth straight title – and the rest of the pack playing catch-up, **writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.**

The defending champions opened up a five-point lead at the top with Saturday's last-gasp 3-2 victory at last season's runners-up Airbus UK, with victory stretching the unbeaten run to 10 games in all competitions.

They now entertain Prestatyn Town on Saturday (2.30pm) and few would argue against another home win against a side who have lost every visit to Park Hall.

Coach Carl Darlington, however,

remains guarded, despite Prestatyn struggling in the lower reaches of the table after last weekend's 4-0 home loss to Cefn Druids.

"We're four points better off than we were this time last year, the table is starting to take a bit of shape now, and we're very happy to be where we are," he said.

"Last week was a big win as we failed to beat Airbus both home and away in the league last season, but that win will count for nothing unless we back it up with victory against Prestatyn on Saturday."

"They may be on a bit of a bad run, but they are a tough team with some very good players who can hurt you. As we've seen this season anybody can

beat anybody else on their day.

"Our home form is second to none, but we can't take anything for granted. Everyone thought we just had to turn up to beat Newtown the other week, but drew 1-1 and it was definitely two points dropped, so that is a reminder that there is no gimme in this league."

The 3-2 win over one of their chief rivals Airbus, in a game dogged by several controversial decisions, sees the Saints sitting pretty at the top. It could prove a significant result after the sides were locked in four draws last season.

Ryan Fraughan faces a check on a knee injury that forced him off last week, while fellow winger Jamie Mullan, who underwent a hernia operation in August, is now pressing for a start.

Sam Finley however, is facing a couple of months out with a broken jaw he suffered in an assault in Liverpool. The midfielder had been hospitalised but was able to attend last Saturday's game at the Hollingsworth Group Stadium.

■ The New Saints' boss Craig Harrison has lifted the Welsh Premier's first manager of the month award of the season.

Harrison took the accolade for August/September after the reigning champions made a strong start in defence of their title to move clear at the top.

During that spell, TNS beat Bangor City, Rhyl, Gap Connah's Quay, Port Talbot and Bala as well as drawing against Aberystwyth and Newtown.

They also continued their unbeaten form by winning Word Cup ties against Porthmadog and Airbus UK to reach the semi-finals.

■ Scott Ruscoe has been named Welsh Premier clubman of the year at the FA of Wales awards evening at St David's Hotel in Cardiff.

The New Saints midfielder stalwart has made over 250 appearances for the Welsh Premier champions since joining the club from Newtown 14 years ago – and has also made more European appearances than any other league player.

"I am very pleased to have won this," said the 36-year-old Ruscoe. "I have nearly played 400 games in the Welsh Premier League and I am really hoping to break the 400 mark."

Pool facing 'must-win' encounter with Rhos

WELSHPOOL'S rugby players will be looking for an improved display when they chase much-needed points at home to Rhos in the Swalec League division three (north) on Saturday.

Having impressed in their narrow loss to Wrexham the previous week in the North Wales Intermediate Cup, it proved a disappointing outing for a young Pool side going down 38-7 at Bangor.

They trailed to an early try and despite a touchdown from centre Tom Davies, converted by Andrew Thomas, were well beaten.

"Rhos is a must-win for us," said coach Frank Johns. "After our performance against Wrexham, we had high hopes of getting something from the game, but it was not to be."

"We made a few changes, but there were no excuses as our performance was not good enough."

Rhos will also be hoping to bounce back after suffering a hefty 42-12 loss to Flint last week.

COBRA, well beaten 51-0 at leaders Nant Conwy in division one (north), also need to get back on track when they host bottom club Bro Ffestiniog.

"It's a big game for both sides, we need to win, but they will be thinking the same," said coach James Watkin.

"We have to take this defeat on the chin and move on."

The Meifod side have suffered a blow with winger Sion Wyn Williams, their top try scorer this season, unavailable for the next five weeks due to work.

■ OSWESTRY hold a sponsors day on Saturday (from 1pm) for their home clash with lowly Marple at Granville Park in the South Lincs and Cheshire Two.

The Eagles made it four wins out of five with an 18-11 success at struggling Orrell last week to consolidate their top five position, and team manager Martin Ord is looking for more of the same.

"We're at full strength and we're looking to get a good win on the board," he said.

Parry gets top award with Guils

IN only his second month in charge, Guilsfield boss Mike Parry landed the manager of the month award for September in the Cymru Alliance.

The former defender took the award following a string of creditable displays, which saw his side go unbeaten in their games against Caersws, Rhydymwyn, Porthmadog and Conwy United.

And October started well for Parry whose side progressed to the second round of the Welsh Cup with a 3-1 home win against Cymru Alliance rivals Penycyfe with goals from Rhidian Morris, James Henderson and Danny Barton.

Parry's time at Guilsfield has not been without incident, losing key defender Robbie James for much of the season with a ruptured achilles.

Hard work is the key, with the manager saying: "All the players have shown a good work ethic, which can be the difference between winning and losing games at this level."

New boss does trick

A MANAGEMENT change at Berriew did the trick as the Rhysiders recorded their first win of the season in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

No2 Dave Jones, the former Welshpool boss, took over the helm from manager Mike Pearce a few days before, with the latter staying on as coach.

And Jones' first game in charge saw his side record a 3-2 victory at Montgomery, their first win in eight attempts, courtesy of goals from Mark Jones (penalty), Glenn Donaldson and Karl Seliarts. Berriew are now up to 12th, while Monty are third from bottom.

LLANFAIR ON ROAD AGAIN IN THE CUP

MANAGER Rhys Stephens says his Llanfair United side can't have too many complaints despite being forced to hit the road again in the second round of the Welsh Cup.

Following their hard-fought 3-2 extra time win at Gwynedd club Penrhyn-dendraeth, Llanfair could face an even trickier mission after being drawn away to Gresford Athletic, currently unbeaten and going well in the Welsh National League premier division.

In fact, all the region's remaining clubs have been given a poor hand with Guilsfield, Llanrhaeadr and Waterloo Rovers also being drawn away from home in the prestigious competition.

Llanfair, who reached the last 32 for the first time last season before their defeat to Aberystwyth Town, have it all to do in the second round against a Gresford side who have won six of their seven league games, while drawing the other.

But the Spar Mid Wales League division one leaders are also currently unbeaten – and Stephens was in philosophical mood ahead of next month's tie.

"We would like to be at home like everyone else, but we had four home games in the competition last season, so we can't complain too much," he said.

"Going to Gresford is a tough one, but we've never played a Wrexham team in this cup before, so it's one to look forward to. It's 50-50, they will be looking at it as one they can win, but we will go there also thinking we can get a good result."

"When you get to the second round of the Welsh Cup you can't expect an easy game."

A run in the competition

by John Bridgwater

gives local clubs a welcome boost to their coffers. They are already

assured of £750 for reaching the second round, while they will receive £1,500 should they progress to the third round (last 32), the stage of the competition that sees Welsh Premier clubs enter. Teams getting through to the fourth round are guaranteed £2,500.

The second round draw was made by Wales Internationals Emyr Huws, Jonathan Williams and Ben Davies in Cardiff, but did little favours for the likes of Guilsfield and Waterloo Rovers.

Guilsfield face a tough trip to Cymru Alliance rivals Caernarfon who are managed by Lee Dixon, an old pal of Guils boss Mike Parry.

The two sides have already been involved in a thrilling Word Cup tussle this season when Caernarfon won 3-2 courtesy of two late goals after Guilsfield looked to have victory in their grasp.

And they will get a chance to weigh each other up again when they come face to face in the Cymru Alli-

ance two weeks before their cup showdown.

Waterloo Rovers overcame Llanuwchllyn 2-1 in the first round, but are certain to face a tougher test at Cymru Alliance outfit Buckley Town.

Also away from home are Llanrhaeadr, but they may have the most favourable of the ties when they visit Brickfield Rangers, who are struggling near the foot of the Welsh National League premier division.

Welsh Cup draw (Mid and North Wales ties only): Caernarfon Town v Guilsfield, Conwy Borough v Denbigh Town, Llanberris v Caersws, Llanidloes Town v Penrhyncoch, Gresford Athletic v Llanfair United, FC Nomads of Connah's Quay v Llangelley Town, St Asaph City v Meliden, Brickfield Rangers v Llanrhaeadr, Mold Alex v Holywell Town, Buckley Town v Waterloo Rovers. Ties to be played on the weekend of November 7, 8 and 9.

■ The New Saints' young guns have been drawn away to Bangor City in the second round of the FAW Youth Cup, the tie to be played on Sunday, November 2 (2pm).

Other ties see Newtown visit Brickfield Rangers and Cefn Druids are at Gap Connah's Quay. Holders Swansea City, who defeated TNS in the final last season, start their defence at home to Bow Street.

Cricketers given England chance



Pictured (from left): Sam Johnson, Harry Newton, George Newton, Cricket Academy Director Gareth Owen and Connor Davies

FOUR Ellesmere College cricketers have been tipped for a bright future after winning an invitation to attend the ECB National Cricket Performance Centre at Loughborough University.

Pupils George Newton (15) and brother Harry (13), along with Connor Davies (14) and Sam Johnson (16), impressed ECB selectors during their county representation this summer, and will now join the emerging talent programme, which aims to help the most promising young players develop their skills with the aim of playing cricket at the very highest level.

Players within the programme train as part of their County Emerging Player Programme, where they receive coaching support above and beyond that of a regular county age group player.

Ellesmere head coach Rod Jones said: "The time spent at the National Cricket Performance Centre in Loughborough allows our national lead coaches to develop bespoke programmes for each member of the squad and work intensively with the players and to continue to assess their readiness to graduate to the full England side when the opportunity arises."

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